

THE LIMITS OF MATHEMATICS

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Preface

In a remarkable development, I have constructed a new definition for a self-delimiting universal Turing machine (UTM) that is easy to program and runs very quickly. This provides a new foundation for algorithmic information theory (AIT), which is the theory of the size in bits of programs for self-delimiting UTM's. Previously, AIT had an abstract mathematical quality. Now it is possible to write down executable programs that embody the constructions in the proofs of theorems. So AIT goes from dealing with remote idealized mythical objects to being a theory about practical down-to-earth gadgets that one can actually play with and use.

This new self-delimiting UTM is implemented via an extremely fast LISP interpreter written in C. The universal Turing machine U is written in this LISP. This LISP also serves as a very high-level assembler to put together binary programs for U . The programs that go into U , and whose size we measure, are bit strings. The output from U , on the other hand, consists of a single LISP S-expression, in the case of finite computations, and of an infinite set of these S-expressions, in the case of infinite computations.

The LISP used here is based on the version of LISP that I used in my book *Algorithmic Information Theory*, Cambridge University Press, 1987. The difference is that a) I have found a self-delimiting way to give binary data to LISP programs, b) I have found a natural way to handle unending computations, which is what formal axiomatic systems are, in LISP, and c) I have found a way to eliminate more parentheses from M-expressions.

Using this new software, as well as the latest theoretical ideas, it is now possible to give a self-contained “hands on” course presenting

very concretely my latest proofs of my two fundamental information-theoretic incompleteness theorems. The first of these theorems states that an N -bit formal axiomatic system cannot enable one to exhibit any specific object with program-size complexity greater than $N + c$. The second of these theorems states that an N -bit formal axiomatic system cannot enable one to determine more than $N + c'$ scattered bits of the halting probability Ω .

Most people believe that anything that is true is true for a reason. These theorems show that some things are true for no reason at all, i.e., accidentally, or at random.

The latest and I believe the deepest proofs of these two theorems were originally presented in my paper “Information-theoretic incompleteness,” *Applied Mathematics and Computation* **52** (1992), pp. 83–101. This paper is reprinted in my book *Information-Theoretic Incompleteness*, World Scientific, 1992.

As is shown in this course, the algorithms considered in the proofs of these two theorems are now easy to program and run, and by looking at the size in bits of these programs one can actually, for the first time, determine exact values for the constants c and c' . Indeed, $c = 994$ bits and $c' = 3192$ bits.

This approach and software were used in an intense short course on the limits of mathematics that I gave at the University of Maine in Orono in June 1994. I wish to thank Prof. George Markowsky of the University of Maine for his stimulating invitation to give this course, for all his hard work organizing the course and porting my software to PC's, for many helpful suggestions on presenting this material, and in particular for the crucial suggestion that led me to a vastly improved algorithm for computing lower bounds on the halting probability Ω (see `omega.1` below).

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All enquires, comments and suggestions regarding this software should be sent via e-mail to `chaitin` at `watson.ibm.com`.

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One normally thinks that everything that is true is true for a reason. I’ve found mathematical truths that are true for no reason at all. These mathematical truths are beyond the power of mathematical reasoning because they are accidental and random.

Using software written in *Mathematica* that runs on an IBM RS/6000 workstation [5,7], I constructed a perverse 200-page exponential diophantine equation with a parameter N and 17,000 unknowns:

$$\text{Left-Hand-Side}(N) = \text{Right-Hand-Side}(N).$$

For each nonnegative value of the parameter N , ask whether this equation has a finite or an infinite number of nonnegative solutions. The answers escape the power of mathematical reason because they are completely random and accidental.

This work is part of a new field that I call algorithmic information theory [2,3,4].

What does this have to with Jaffe and Quinn [1]?

The result presented above is an example of how my information-theoretic approach to incompleteness makes incompleteness appear pervasive and natural. This is because algorithmic information theory sometimes enables one to measure the information content of a set of

axioms and of a theorem and to deduce that the theorem cannot be obtained from the axioms because it contains too much information.

This suggests to me that sometimes to prove more one must assume more, in other words, that sometimes one must put more in to get more out. I therefore believe that elementary number theory should be pursued somewhat more in the spirit of experimental science. Euclid declared that an axiom is a self-evident truth, but physicists are willing to assume new principles like the Schrödinger equation that are not self-evident because they are extremely useful. Perhaps number theorists, even when they are doing elementary number theory, should behave a little more like physicists do and should sometimes adopt new axioms. I have argued this at greater length in a lecture [6,8] that I gave at Cambridge University and at the University of New Mexico.

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The Berry Paradox

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In early 1974, I was visiting the Watson Research Center and I got the idea of calling Gödel on the phone. I picked up the phone and called and Gödel answered the phone. I said, “Professor Gödel, I’m fascinated by your incompleteness theorem. I have a new proof based on the Berry paradox that I’d like to tell you about.” Gödel said, “It doesn’t matter which paradox you use.” He had used a paradox called the liar paradox. I said, “Yes, but this suggests to me an information-theoretic view of incompleteness that I would very much like to tell you about and get your reaction.” So Gödel said, “Send me one of your papers. I’ll take a look at it. Call me again in a few weeks and I’ll see if I give you an appointment.”

I had had this idea in 1970, and it was 1974. So far I had only published brief abstracts. Fortunately I had just gotten the galley proofs of my first substantial paper on this subject. I put these in an envelope and mailed them to Gödel.

I called Gödel again and he gave me an appointment! As you can imagine I was delighted. I figured out how to go to Princeton by train. The day arrived and it had snowed and there were a few inches of snow everywhere. This was certainly not going to stop me from visiting Gödel! I was about to leave for the train and the phone rang and it was Gödel’s secretary. She said that Gödel was very careful about his health and because of the snow he wasn’t coming to the Institute that

day and therefore my appointment was canceled.

And that's how I had two phone conversations with Gödel but never met him. I never tried again.

I'd like to tell you what I would have told Gödel. What I wanted to tell Gödel is the difference between what you get when you study the limits of mathematics the way Gödel did using the paradox of the liar, and what I get using the Berry paradox instead.

What is the paradox of the liar? Well, the paradox of the liar is

“This statement is false!”

Why is this a paradox? What does “false” mean? Well, “false” means “does not correspond to reality.” This statement says that it is false. If that doesn't correspond to reality, it must mean that the statement is true, right? On the other hand, if the statement is true it means that what it says corresponds to reality. But it says that it is false. Therefore the statement must be false. So whether you assume that it's true or false you then conclude the opposite! So this is the paradox of the liar.

Now let's look at the Berry paradox. First of all, why “Berry”? Well it has nothing to do with fruit! This paradox was published at the beginning of this century by Bertrand Russell. Now there's a famous paradox which is called Russell's paradox and this is not it! This is another paradox that he published. I guess people felt that if you just said the Russell paradox and there were two of them it would be confusing. And Bertrand Russell when he published this paradox had a footnote saying that it was suggested to him by Mr G. G. Berry. So it ended up being called the Berry paradox even though it was published by Russell.

Here is a version of the Berry paradox:

“the first positive integer that cannot
be specified in less than a billion words”.

This is a phrase in English that specifies a particular positive integer. Which positive integer? Well, there are an infinity of positive integers, but there are only a finite number of words in English. Therefore, if you have a billion words, there's only going to be a finite number

of possibilities. But there's an infinite number of positive integers. Therefore most positive integers require more than a billion words, and let's just take the first one. But wait a second. By definition this integer is supposed to take a billion words to specify, but I just specified it using much less than a billion words! That's the Berry paradox.

What does one do with these paradoxes? Let's take a look again at the liar paradox:

“This statement is false!”

The first thing that Gödel does is to change it from “This statement is false” to “This statement is unprovable”:

“This statement is unprovable!”

What do we mean by “unprovable”?

In order to be able to show that mathematical reasoning has limits you've got to say very precisely what the axioms and methods of reasoning are that you have in mind. In other words, you have to specify how mathematics is done with mathematical precision so that it becomes a clear-cut question. Hilbert put it this way: The rules should be so clear, that if somebody gives you what they claim is a proof, there is a mechanical procedure that will check whether the proof is correct or not, whether it obeys the rules or not. This proof-checking algorithm is the heart of this notion of a completely formal axiomatic system.

So “This statement is unprovable” doesn't mean unprovable in a vague way. It means unprovable when you have in mind a specific formal axiomatic system FAS with its mechanical proof-checking algorithm. So there is a subscript:

“This statement is unprovable _{FAS} !”

And the particular formal axiomatic system that Gödel was interested in dealt with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and addition and multiplication, that was what it was about. Now what happens with “This statement is unprovable”? Remember the liar paradox:

“This statement is false!”

But here

“This statement is unprovable _{FAS} !”

the paradox disappears and we get a theorem. We get incompleteness, in fact. Why?

Consider “This statement is unprovable”. There are two possibilities: either it’s provable or it’s unprovable.

If “This statement is unprovable” turns out to be unprovable within the formal axiomatic system, that means that the formal axiomatic system is incomplete. Because if “This statement is unprovable” is unprovable, then it’s a true statement. Then there’s something true that’s unprovable which means that the system is incomplete. So that would be bad.

What about the other possibility? What if

“This statement is unprovable_{FAS}!”

is provable? That’s even worse. Because if this statement is provable

“This statement is unprovable_{FAS}!”

and it says of itself that it’s unprovable, then we’re proving something that’s false.

So Gödel’s incompleteness result is that if you assume that only true theorems are provable, then this

“This statement is unprovable_{FAS}!”

is an example of a statement that is true but unprovable.

But wait a second, how can a statement deny that it is provable? In what branch of mathematics does one encounter such statements? Gödel cleverly converts this

“This statement is unprovable_{FAS}!”

into an arithmetical statement, a statement that only involves 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and addition and multiplication. How does he do this?

The idea is called gödel numbering. We all know that a string of characters can also be thought of as a number. Characters are either 8 or 16 bits in binary. Therefore, a string of N characters is either $8N$ or $16N$ bits, and it is also the base-two notation for a large positive

integer. Thus every mathematical statement in this formal axiomatic system

“This statement is unprovable_{FAS}—!”

is also a number. And a proof, which is a sequence of steps, is also a long character string, and therefore is also a number. Then you can define this very funny numerical relationship between two numbers X and Y which is that X is the gödel number of a proof of the statement whose gödel number is Y . Thus

“This statement is unprovable_{FAS}!”

ends up looking like a very complicated numerical statement.

There is another serious difficulty. How can this statement refer to itself? Well you can’t directly put the gödel number of this statement inside this statement, it’s too big to fit! But you can do it indirectly. This is how Gödel does it: The statement doesn’t refer to itself directly. It says that if you perform a certain procedure to calculate a number, this is the gödel number of a statement which cannot be proved. And it turns out that the number you calculate is precisely the gödel number of the entire statement

“This statement is unprovable_{FAS}!”

That is how Gödel proves his incompleteness theorem.

What happens if you start with this

“the first positive integer that cannot
be specified in less than a billion words”

instead? Everything has a rather different flavor. Let’s see why.

The first problem we’ve got here is what does it mean to specify a number using words in English?—this is very vague. So instead let’s use a computer. Pick a standard general-purpose computer, in other words, pick a universal Turing machine (*UTM*). Now the way you specify a number is with a computer program. When you run this computer program on your *UTM* it prints out this number and halts. So a program is said to specify a number, a positive integer, if you start the program running on your standard *UTM*, and after a finite amount of

time it prints out one and only one great big positive integer and it says “I’m finished” and halts.

Now it’s not English text measured in words, it’s computer programs measured in bits. This is what we get. It’s

“the first positive integer that cannot
be specified_{UTM} by a computer program
with less than a billion bits”.

By the way the computer program must be self-contained. If it has any data, the data is included in the program as a constant.

Next we have to do what Gödel did when he changed “This statement is false” into “This statement is unprovable.” So now it’s

“the first positive integer that can be proved_{FAS}
to have the property that it cannot
be specified_{UTM} by a computer program
with less than a billion bits”.

And to make things clearer let’s replace “a billion bits” by “ N bits”. So we get:

“the first positive integer that can be proved_{FAS}
to have the property that it cannot
be specified_{UTM} by a computer program
with less than N bits”.

The interesting fact is that there is a computer program

$$\log_2 N + c_{FAS}$$

bits long for calculating this number that supposedly cannot be calculated by any program that is less than N bits long. And

$$\log_2 N + c_{FAS}$$

is much much smaller than N for all sufficiently large N ! Thus for such N our *FAS* cannot enable us to exhibit any numbers that require programs more than N bits long. This is my information-theoretic incompleteness result that I wanted to discuss with Gödel.

Why is there a program that is

$$\log_2 N + c_{FAS}$$

bits long for calculating

“the first positive integer that can be proved_{FAS}
to have the property that it cannot
be specified_{UTM} by a computer program
with less than N bits” ?

Well here is how you do it.

You start running through all possible proofs in the formal axiomatic system in size order. You apply the proof-checking algorithm to each proof. And after filtering out all the invalid proofs, you search for the first proof that a particular positive integer requires at least an N -bit program.

The algorithm that I’ve just described is very slow but it is very simple. It’s basically just the proof-checking algorithm, which is c_{FAS} bits long, and the number N , which is $\log_2 N$ bits long. So the total number of bits is, as was claimed, just

$$\log_2 N + c_{FAS}.$$

That concludes the proof of my incompleteness result that I wanted to discuss with Gödel.

Over the years I’ve continued to do research on my information-theoretic approach to incompleteness. Here are the three most dramatic results that I’ve obtained:

- 1) Call a program “elegant” if no smaller program produces the same output. You can’t prove that a program is elegant. More precisely, N bits of axioms are needed to prove that an N -bit program is elegant.
- 2) Consider the binary representation of the halting probability Ω . Ω is the probability that a program chosen at random halts. You can’t prove what the bits of Ω are. More precisely, N bits of axioms are needed to determine N bits of Ω .

3) I have constructed a perverse algebraic equation

$$P(K, X, Y, Z, \dots) = 0.$$

Vary the parameter K and ask whether this equation has finitely or infinitely many whole-number solutions. In each case this turns out to be equivalent to determining individual bits of Ω . Therefore N bits of axioms are needed to be able to settle N cases.

These striking examples show that sometimes you have to put more into a set of axioms in order to get more out. (2) and (3) are extreme cases. They are accidental mathematical assertions that are true for no reason. In other words, the questions considered in (2) and (3) are irreducible; essentially the only way to prove them is to add them as new axioms. Thus in this extreme case you get out of a set of axioms only what you put in.

How do I prove these incompleteness results (1), (2) and (3)? As before, the basic idea is the paradox of “the first positive integer that cannot be specified in less than a billion words.” For (1) the connection with the Berry paradox is obvious. For (2) and (3) it was obvious to me only in the case where one is talking about determining the **first** N bits of Ω . In the case where the N bits of Ω are scattered about, my original proof of (2) and (3) (the one given in my Cambridge University Press monograph) is decidedly not along the lines of the Berry paradox. But a few years later I was happy to discover a new and more straight-forward proof of (2) and (3) that is along the lines of the Berry paradox!

In addition to working on incompleteness, I have also devoted a great deal of thought to the central idea that can be extracted from my version of the Berry paradox, which is to define the program-size complexity of something to be the size in bits of the smallest program that calculates it. I have developed a general theory dealing with program-size complexity that I call algorithmic information theory (*AIT*).

AIT is an elegant theory of complexity, perhaps the most developed of all such theories, but as von Neumann said, pure mathematics is easy compared to the real world! *AIT* provides the correct complexity concept for metamathematics, but not necessarily for other more practical fields.

Program-size complexity in *AIT* is analogous to entropy in statistical mechanics. Just as thermodynamics gives limits on heat engines, *AIT* gives limits on formal axiomatic systems.

I have recently reformulated *AIT*.

Up to now, the best version of *AIT* studied the size of programs in a computer programming language that was not actually usable. Now I obtain the correct program-size complexity measure from a powerful and easy to use programming language. This language is a version of *LISP*, and I have written an interpreter for it in *C*. A summary of this new work is available as IBM Research Report RC 19553 “The limits of mathematics,” which I am expanding into a book.

So this is what I would have liked to discuss with Gödel, if I could speak with him now. Of course this is impossible! But thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to tell you about these ideas!

Questions for Future Research

- Find questions in algebra, topology and geometry that are equivalent to determining bits of Ω .
- What is an interesting or natural mathematical question?
- How often is such a question independent of the usual axioms? (I suspect the answer is “Quite often!”)
- Show that a classical open question in number theory such as the Riemann hypothesis is independent of the usual axioms. (I suspect that this is often the case, but that it cannot be proven.)
- Should we take incompleteness seriously or is it a red herring? (I believe that we should take incompleteness very seriously indeed.)
- Is mathematics quasi-empirical? In other words, should mathematics be done more like physics is done? (I believe the answer to both questions is “Yes.”)

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The decline and fall of reductionism (excerpt)

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Experimental mathematics

Okay, let me say a little bit in the minutes I have left about what this all means.

First of all, the connection with physics. There was a big controversy when quantum mechanics was developed, because quantum theory is nondeterministic. Einstein didn't like that. He said, "God doesn't play dice!" But as I'm sure you all know, with chaos and nonlinear dynamics we've now realized that even in classical physics we get randomness and unpredictability. My work is in the same spirit. It shows that pure mathematics, in fact even elementary number theory, the arithmetic of the natural numbers, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, is in the same boat. We get randomness there too. So, as a newspaper headline would put it, God not only plays dice in quantum mechanics and in classical physics, but even in pure mathematics, even in elementary number theory. So if a new paradigm is emerging, randomness is at the heart of it. By the way, randomness is also at the heart of quantum field theory, as virtual particles and Feynman path integrals (sums over all histories) show very clearly. So my work fits in with a lot of work in physics, which is

why I often get invited to talk at physics meetings.

However the really important question isn't physics, it's mathematics. I've heard that Gödel wrote a letter to his mother who stayed in Europe. You know, Gödel and Einstein were friends at the Institute for Advanced Study. You'd see them walking down the street together. Apparently Gödel wrote a letter to his mother saying that even though Einstein's work on physics had really had a tremendous impact on how people did physics, he was disappointed that his work had not had the same effect on mathematicians. It hadn't made a difference in how mathematicians actually carried on their everyday work. So I think that's the key question: How should you really do mathematics?

I'm claiming I have a much stronger incompleteness result. If so maybe it'll be clearer whether mathematics should be done the ordinary way. What is the ordinary way of doing mathematics? In spite of the fact that everyone knows that any finite set of axioms is incomplete, how do mathematicians actually work? Well suppose you have a conjecture that you've been thinking about for a few weeks, and you believe it because you've tested a large number of cases on a computer. Maybe it's a conjecture about the primes and for two weeks you've tried to prove it. At the end of two weeks you don't say, well obviously the reason I haven't been able to show this is because of Gödel's incompleteness theorem! Let us therefore add it as a new axiom! But if you took Gödel's incompleteness theorem very seriously this might in fact be the way to proceed. Mathematicians will laugh but physicists actually behave this way.

Look at the history of physics. You start with Newtonian physics. You cannot get Maxwell's equations from Newtonian physics. It's a new domain of experience—you need new postulates to deal with it. As for special relativity, well, special relativity is almost in Maxwell's equations. But Schrödinger's equation does not come from Newtonian physics and Maxwell's equations. It's a new domain of experience and again you need new axioms. So physicists are used to the idea that when you start experimenting at a smaller scale, or with new phenomena, you may need new principles to understand and explain what's going on.

Now in spite of incompleteness mathematicians don't behave at all like physicists do. At a subconscious level they still assume that the small number of principles, of postulates and methods of inference, that

they learned early as mathematics students, are enough. In their hearts they believe that if you can't prove a result it's your own fault. That's probably a good attitude to take rather than to blame someone else, but let's look at a question like the Riemann hypothesis. A physicist would say that there is ample experimental evidence for the Riemann hypothesis and would go ahead and take it as a working assumption.

What is the Riemann hypothesis? There are many unsolved questions involving the distribution of the prime numbers that can be settled if you assume the Riemann hypothesis. Using computers people check these conjectures and they work beautifully. They're neat formulas but nobody can prove them. A lot of them follow from the Riemann hypothesis. To a physicist this would be enough: It's useful, it explains a lot of data. Of course a physicist then has to be prepared to say "Oh oh, I goofed!" because an experiment can subsequently contradict a theory. This happens very often.

In particle physics you throw up theories all the time and most of them quickly die. But mathematicians don't like to have to backpedal. But if you play it safe, the problem is that you may be losing out, and I believe you are.

I think it should be obvious where I'm leading. I believe that elementary number theory and the rest of mathematics should be pursued more in the spirit of experimental science, and that you should be willing to adopt new principles. I believe that Euclid's statement that an axiom is a self-evident truth is a big mistake. The Schrödinger equation certainly isn't a self-evident truth! And the Riemann hypothesis isn't self-evident either, but it's very useful.

So I believe that we mathematicians shouldn't ignore incompleteness. It's a safe thing to do but we're losing out on results that we could get. It would be as if physicists said, okay no Schrödinger equation, no Maxwell's equations, we stick with Newton, everything must be deduced from Newton's laws. (Maxwell even tried it. He had a mechanical model of an electromagnetic field. Fortunately they don't teach that in college!)

I proposed all this twenty years ago when I started getting these information-theoretic incompleteness results. But independently a new school on the philosophy of mathematics is emerging called the "quasi-empirical" school of thought regarding the foundations of mathematics.

There's a book of Tymoczko's called *New Directions in the Philosophy of Mathematics* (Birkhäuser, Boston, 1986). It's a good collection of articles. Another place to look is *Searching for Certainty* by John Casti (Morrow, New York, 1990) which has a good chapter on mathematics. The last half of the chapter talks about this quasi-empirical view.

By the way, Lakatos, who was one of the people involved in this new movement, happened to be at Cambridge at that time. He'd left Hungary.

The main schools of mathematical philosophy at the beginning of this century were Russell and Whitehead's view that logic was the basis for everything, the formalist school of Hilbert, and an "intuitionist" constructivist school of Brouwer. Some people think that Hilbert believed that mathematics is a meaningless game played with marks of ink on paper. Not so! He just said that to be absolutely clear and precise what mathematics is all about, we have to specify the rules determining whether a proof is correct so precisely that they become mechanical. Nobody who thought that mathematics is meaningless would have been so energetic and done such important work and been such an inspiring leader.

Originally most mathematicians backed Hilbert. Even after Gödel and even more emphatically Turing showed that Hilbert's dream didn't work, in practice mathematicians carried on as before, in Hilbert's spirit. Brouwer's constructivist attitude was mostly considered a nuisance. As for Russell and Whitehead, they had a lot of problems getting all of mathematics from logic. If you get all of mathematics from set theory you discover that it's nice to define the whole numbers in terms of sets (von Neumann worked on this). But then it turns out that there's all kinds of problems with sets. You're not making the natural numbers more solid by basing them on something which is more problematical.

Now everything has gone topsy-turvy. It's gone topsy-turvy, not because of any philosophical argument, not because of Gödel's results or Turing's results or my own incompleteness results. It's gone topsy-turvy for a very simple reason—the computer!

The computer as you all know has changed the way we do everything. The computer has enormously and vastly increased mathematical experience. It's so easy to do calculations, to test many cases, to run

experiments on the computer. The computer has so vastly increased mathematical experience, that in order to cope, people are forced to proceed in a more pragmatic fashion. Mathematicians are proceeding more pragmatically, more like experimental scientists do. This new tendency is often called “experimental mathematics.” This phrase comes up a lot in the field of chaos, fractals and nonlinear dynamics.

It’s often the case that when doing experiments on the computer, numerical experiments with equations, you see that something happens, and you conjecture a result. Of course it’s nice if you can prove it. Especially if the proof is short. I’m not sure that a thousand page proof helps too much. But if it’s a short proof it’s certainly better than not having a proof. And if you have several proofs from different viewpoints, that’s very good.

But sometimes you can’t find a proof and you can’t wait for someone else to find a proof, and you’ve got to carry on as best you can. So now mathematicians sometimes go ahead with working hypotheses on the basis of the results of computer experiments. Of course if it’s physicists doing these computer experiments, then it’s certainly okay; they’ve always relied heavily on experiments. But now even mathematicians sometimes operate in this manner. I believe that there’s a new journal called the *Journal of Experimental Mathematics*. They should’ve put me on their editorial board, because I’ve been proposing this for twenty years based on my information-theoretic ideas.

So in the end it wasn’t Gödel, it wasn’t Turing, and it wasn’t my results that are making mathematics go in an experimental mathematics direction, in a quasi-empirical direction. The reason that mathematicians are changing their working habits is the computer. I think it’s an excellent joke! (It’s also funny that of the three old schools of mathematical philosophy, logicist, formalist, and intuitionist, the most neglected was Brouwer, who had a constructivist attitude years before the computer gave a tremendous impulse to constructivism.)

Of course, the mere fact that everybody’s doing something doesn’t mean that they ought to be. The change in how people are behaving isn’t because of Gödel’s theorem or Turing’s theorems or my theorems, it’s because of the computer. But I think that the sequence of work that I’ve outlined does provide some theoretical justification for what everybody’s doing anyway without worrying about the theoretical jus-

tification. And I think that the question of how we should actually do mathematics requires **at least** another generation of work. That's basically what I wanted to say—thank you very much!

A Version of Pure LISP

Introduction

In this chapter we present a “permissive” simplified version of pure LISP designed especially for metamathematical applications. Aside from the rule that an S-expression must have balanced ()’s, the only way that an expression can fail to have a value is by looping forever. This is important because algorithms that simulate other algorithms chosen at random, must be able to run garbage safely.

This version of LISP developed from one that I originally designed to use to teach LISP in the early 1970s. The language was reduced to its essence and made as easy to learn as possible, and was actually used in several university courses that I gave in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Like APL, this version of LISP is so concise that one can write it as fast as one thinks. This LISP is so simple that an interpreter for it can be coded in just six hundred lines of C code. The C code for this is given at the end of this book.

How to read this chapter: This chapter can be quite difficult to understand, especially if one has never programmed in LISP before. The correct approach is to read it several times, and to try to work through all the examples in detail. Initially the material will seem completely incomprehensible, but all of a sudden the pieces will snap together into a coherent whole. On the other hand, if one has never experienced LISP before and wishes to master it thoroughly, one should code a LISP interpreter oneself instead of looking at the interpreter given at the end of this book; that is how the author learned LISP.

Definition of LISP

LISP is an unusual programming language created around 1960 by John McCarthy. It and its descendants are frequently used in research on artificial intelligence. And it stands out for its simple design and for its precisely defined syntax and semantics.

However LISP more closely resembles such fundamental subjects as set theory and logic than it does a programming language. As a result LISP is easy to learn with little previous knowledge. Contrariwise, those who know other programming languages may have difficulty learning to think in the completely different fashion required by LISP.

LISP is a functional programming language, not an imperative language like FORTRAN. In FORTRAN the question is “In order to do something what operations must be carried out, and in what order?” In LISP the question is “How can this function be defined?” The LISP formalism consists of a handful of primitive functions and certain rules for defining more complex functions from the initially given ones. In a LISP run, after defining functions one requests their values for specific arguments of interest. It is the LISP interpreter’s task to deduce these values using the function’s definitions.

LISP functions are technically known as partial recursive functions. “Partial” because in some cases they may not have a value (this situation is analogous to division by zero or an infinite loop). “Recursive” because functions re-occur in their own definitions. The following definition of factorial n is the most familiar example of a recursive function: if $n = 0$, then its value is 1, else its value is n by factorial $n - 1$. From this definition one deduces that factorial 3 = (3 by factorial 2) = (3 by 2 by factorial 1) = (3 by 2 by 1 by factorial 0) = (3 by 2 by 1 by 1) = 6.

A LISP function whose value is always true or false is called a predicate. By means of predicates the LISP formalism encompasses relations such as “ x is less than y .”

Data and function definitions in LISP consist of S-expressions (S stands for “symbolic”). S-expressions are made up of characters called atoms that are grouped into lists by means of pairs of parentheses. The atoms are the printable characters in the ASCII character set, except for the blank, left parenthesis, right parenthesis, left bracket, and right

bracket. The simplest kind of S-expression is an atom all by itself. All other S-expressions are lists. A list consists of a left parenthesis followed by zero or more elements (which may be atoms or sublists) followed by a right parenthesis. Also, the empty list `()` is considered to be an atom.

Here are two examples of S-expressions. `C` is an atom.

`(d(ef)d((a)))`

is a list with four elements. The first and third elements are the atom `d`. The second element is a list whose elements are the atoms `e` and `f`, in that order. The fourth element is a list with a single element, which is a list with a single element, which is the atom `a`.

The formal definition is as follows. The class of S-expressions is the union of the class of atoms and the class of lists. A list consists of a left parenthesis followed by zero or more S-expressions followed by a right parenthesis. There is one list that is also an atom, the empty list `()`. All other atoms are individual ASCII characters.

In LISP the atom `1` stands for “true” and the atom `0` stands for “false.” Thus a LISP predicate is a function whose value is always `0` or `1`.

It is important to note that we do not identify `0` and `()`. It is usual in LISP to identify falsehood and the empty list; both are usually called `NIL`. Here there is no single-character synonym for the empty list `()`; 2 characters are required.

The fundamental semantical concept in LISP is that of the value of an S-expression in a given environment. An environment consists of a so-called “association list” in which variables (atoms) and their values (S-expressions) alternate. If a variable appears several times, only its first value is significant. If a variable does not appear in the environment, then it itself is its value, so that it is in effect a literal constant. `(xa x(a) x((a)) F(&(x)(/(.x)x(F(+x)))))` is a typical environment. In this environment the value of `x` is `a`, the value of `F` is `(&(x)(/(.x)x(F(+x))))`, and any other atom, for example `Q`, has itself as value.

Thus the value of an atomic S-expression is obtained by searching odd elements of the environment for that atom. What is the value of a non-atomic S-expression, that is, of a non-empty list? In this case the

value is defined recursively, in terms of the values of the elements of the S-expression in the same environment. The value of the first element of the S-expression is the function, and the function's arguments are the values of the remaining elements of the expression. Thus in LISP the notation $(fxyz)$ is used for what in FORTRAN would be written $f(x,y,z)$. Both denote the function f applied to the arguments xyz .

There are two kinds of functions: primitive functions and defined functions. The ten primitive functions are the atoms $. = + - * , ' / !$ and $?$. A defined function is a three-element list (traditionally called a LAMBDA expression) of the form $(\&vb)$, where v is a list of variables. By definition the result of applying a defined function to arguments is the value of the body of the function b in the environment resulting from appending a list of the form $(\text{variable1 argument1 variable2 argument2} \dots)$ and the environment of the original S-expression, in that order. Appending an n -element list and an m -element list yields the $(n + m)$ -element list whose elements are those of the first list followed by those of the second list.

The primitive functions are now presented. In the examples of their use the empty environment is assumed.

- **Name** Quote

Symbol $'$

Arguments 1

Explanation The result of applying this function is the unevaluated argument expression.

Examples $('(abc))$ has value (abc)

$(('*xy))$ has value $(*xy)$

- **Name** Atom

Symbol $.$

Arguments 1

Explanation The result of applying this function to an argument is true or false depending on whether or not the argument is an atom.

Examples (.a) has value 1
(.(' (abc))) has value 0

- **Name** Equal

Symbol =

Arguments 2

Explanation The result of applying this function to two arguments is true or false depending on whether or not they are the same S-expression.

Examples (=(' (abc)) (' (abc))) has value 1
(=(' (abc)) (' (abx))) has value 0

- **Name** Head/First/CAR

Symbol +

Arguments 1

Explanation The result of applying this function to an atom is the atom itself. The result of applying this function to a non-empty list is the first element of the list.

Examples (+a) has value a
(+(' (abc))) has value a
(+(' ((ab) (cd)))) has value (ab)
(+(' (((a)))))) has value ((a))

- **Name** Tail/Rest/CDR

Symbol -

Arguments 1

Explanation The result of applying this function to an atom is the atom itself. The result of applying this function to a non-empty list is what remains if its first element is erased. Thus the tail of an $(n + 1)$ -element list is an n -element list.

Examples (-a) has value a
(-(' (abc))) has value (bc)
(-(' ((ab) (cd)))) has value ((cd))
(-(' (((a)))))) has value ()

- **Name** Join/CONS

Symbol *

Arguments 2

Explanation If the second argument is not a list, then the result of applying this function is the first argument. If the second argument is an n -element list, then the result of applying this function is the $(n + 1)$ -element list whose head is the first argument and whose tail is the second argument.

Examples (*ab) has value a

(*a()) has value (a)

(*a('bcd)) has value (abcd)

(*('ab))('cd)) has value ((ab)cd)

(*('ab))('((cd))) has value ((ab)(cd))

- **Name** Display

Symbol ,

Arguments 1

Explanation The result of applying this function is its argument, in other words, this is an identity function. The side-effect is to display the argument. This function is used to display intermediate results. It is the only primitive function that has a side-effect.

Examples Evaluation of $(-(-(-(-('abc)))))$ displays (bc) and (c) and yields value ()

- **Name** If-then-else

Symbol /

Arguments 3

Explanation If the first argument is not false, then the result is the second argument. If the first argument is false, then the result is the third argument. The argument that is not selected is not evaluated.

Examples `(/1xy)` has value `x`

`(/0xy)` has value `y`

`(/Xxy)` has value `x`

Evaluation of `(/1x(,y))` does not have the side-effect of displaying `y`

- **Name** Eval

Symbol !

Arguments 1

Explanation The expression that is the value of the argument is evaluated in an empty environment. This is the only primitive function that is a partial rather than a total function.

Examples `(!(,('(.x))))` displays `(.x)` and has value 1

`(!(('((&(f)(f)))('(&()(f))))))` has no value.

- **Name** Try

Symbol ?

Arguments 2

Explanation The expression that is the value of the second argument is evaluated in an empty environment. If the evaluation is completed within “time” given by the first argument, the value returned is a list whose sole element is the value of the value of the second argument. If the evaluation is not completed within “time” given by the first argument, the value returned is the atom `?`. More precisely, the “time limit” is given by the number of elements of the first argument, and is zero if the first argument is not a list. The “time limit” actually limits the depth of the call stack, more precisely, the maximum number of re-evaluations due to defined functions or `!` or `?` which have been started but have not yet been completed. The key property of `?` is that it is a total function, i.e., is defined for all values of its arguments, and that `(!x)` is defined if and only if `(?tx)` is not equal to `?` for all sufficiently large values of `t`.

Atom	.	=	+	-	*	,	'	/	!	?	&	:
Arguments	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	3

Figure 1: Atoms with Implicit Parentheses.

Examples $(?0('x))$ has value (x)

$(?0('((('(&(x)x))a)))$ has value $?$

$(?('1))('((('(&(x)x))a)))$ has value (a)

The argument of $'$ and the unselected argument of $/$ are exceptions to the rule that the evaluation of an S-expression that is a non-empty list requires the previous evaluation of all its elements. When evaluation of the elements of a list is required, this is always done one element at a time, from left to right.

M-expressions (M stands for “meta”) are S-expressions in which the parentheses grouping together primitive functions and their arguments are omitted as a convenience for the LISP programmer. See Figure 1. For these purposes, $&$ (“function/LAMBDA/define”) is treated as if it were a primitive function with two arguments, and $:$ (“LET/is”) is treated as if it were a primitive function with three arguments. $:$ is another meta-notational abbreviation, but may be thought of as an additional primitive function.

$:vde$ denotes the value of e in an environment in which v evaluates to the current value of d , and $:(fxyz)de$ denotes the value of e in an environment in which f evaluates to $(\&(xyz)d)$. More precisely, the M-expression $:vde$ denotes the S-expression $((('(&(v)e))d)$, and the M-expression $:(fxyz)de$ denotes the S-expression $((('(&(f)e))('(&(xyz)d)))$, and similarly for functions with a different number of arguments. Within the scope of a function definition done via $:$, i.e., within the de portion of $:(fxyz)de$, the parentheses that associate the function f with its three arguments are omitted, just as if f were a primitive function, and similarly for functions f with a different number of arguments.

Also, we shall often use unary arithmetic. To make this easier, the M-expression $\{ddd\}$ denotes the list of ddd 1's; the number of 1's is given in decimal digits. E.g., $\{99\}$ is a list of ninety-nine 1's.

A " ("literally") is written before a self-contained portion of an M-expression to indicate that the convention regarding invisible parentheses and the meaning of ":" and {} does not apply within it, i.e., that there follows an S-expression "as is".

Input to the LISP interpreter consists of a list of M-expressions. All blanks are ignored, and comments may be inserted anywhere by placing them between balanced ['s and] 's, so that comments may include other comments. Anything remaining on the last line of an M-expression that is excess is ignored. Thus M-expressions can end with excess right parentheses to make sure that all lists are closed, but on the other hand two M-expressions cannot be given on the same line. Two kinds of M-expressions are read by the interpreter: expressions to be evaluated, and others that indicate the environment to be used for these evaluations. The initial environment is the empty list ().

Each M-expression is transformed into the corresponding S-expression and displayed:

- (1) If the S-expression is of the form (**&x_e**) where **x** is an atom and **e** is an S-expression, then (**xv**) is concatenated with the current environment to obtain a new environment, where **v** is the value of **e**. Thus (**&x_e**) is used to define the value of a variable **x** to be equal to the value of an S-expression **e**.
- (2) If the S-expression is of the form (**&(fxyz)d**) where **fxyz** is one or more atoms and **d** is an S-expression, then (**f(&(xyz)d)**) is concatenated with the current environment to obtain a new environment. Thus (**&(fxyz)d**) is used to establish function definitions, in this case the function **f** of the variables **xyz**. Within **d** and all the remaining interpreter input, the parentheses that associate the function **f** with its three arguments are omitted, just as if **f** were a primitive function, and similarly for functions **f** with a different number of arguments.
- (3) If the S-expression is not of the form (**& . . .**) then it is evaluated in the current environment and its value is displayed. The primitive function " , " may cause the interpreter to display additional S-expressions before this value.

Examples

Here are five elementary examples of expressions and their values.

- The M-expression $*a*b*c()$ denotes the S-expression

$$(*a(*b(*c())))$$

whose value is the S-expression (abc) .

- The M-expression $+---'(abcde)$ denotes the S-expression

$$(+(-(-(-(' (abcde))))))$$

whose value is the S-expression d .

- The M-expression $*"+*="*-()$ denotes the S-expression

$$(*+(*=(*-())))$$

whose value is the S-expression $(+=-)$.

- The M-expression

$$('&(xyz)*z*y*x())abc$$

denotes the S-expression

$$((('(&(xyz)(*z(*y(*x())))))abc)$$

whose value is the S-expression (cba) .

- The M-expression

$$:(Cxy)/.xy*+xC-xy \ C'(abcdef)'(ghijkl)$$

denotes the S-expression

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      (
      ('(&(C)(C(' (abcdef))(' (ghijkl))))))
      ('(&(xy) (/ (.x)y (* (+x) (C(-x)y)))))
      )

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whose value is the S-expression `(abcdefghijkl)`. In this example `C` is the concatenation function. It is instructive to state the definition of concatenation, usually called `APPEND`, in words: “Let concatenation be a function of two variables x and y defined as follows: if x is an atom, then the value is y ; otherwise join the head of x to the concatenation of the tail of x with y .”

Here are a number of important details about the way our LISP achieves its “permissiveness.” Most important, extra arguments to functions are evaluated but ignored, and empty lists are supplied for missing arguments. E.g., parameters in a function definition which are not supplied with an argument expression when the function is applied will be bound to the empty list `()`. This works this way because when the interpreter runs off the end of a list of arguments, the list of arguments has been reduced to the empty argument list, and head and tail applied to this empty list will continue to give the empty list. Also if an atom is repeated in the parameter list of a function definition, the binding corresponding to the first occurrence will shadow the later occurrences of the same variable. In our LISP there are no erroneous expressions, only expressions that fail to have a value because the interpreter never finishes evaluating them: it goes into an infinite loop and never returns a value.

'	quote	1 arg	'(abc) \longrightarrow (abc)
+	head	1 arg	+'(abc) \longrightarrow a +a \longrightarrow a
-	tail	1 arg	-'(abc) \longrightarrow (bc) -a \longrightarrow a
*	join	2 args	*a'(bc) \longrightarrow (abc) *ab \longrightarrow a
.	atom	1 arg	.a \longrightarrow 1 '(a) \longrightarrow 0
=	equal	2 args	=aa \longrightarrow 1 =ab \longrightarrow 0
/	if	3 args	/0ab \longrightarrow b /xab \longrightarrow a
&	function	2 args	('&(xy)y ab) \longrightarrow b
,	display	1 arg	,x \longrightarrow x and displays x
!	eval	1 arg	!e \longrightarrow evaluate e
?	try	3 args	?teb \longrightarrow evaluate e time t with bits b $?teb \longrightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c} ! \\ ? \text{ captured} \\ \text{(value)} \text{ displays...} \end{array} \right)$
@	read bit	0 args	@ \longrightarrow 0 or 1
%	read exp	0 args	% \longrightarrow any m-expression
#	bits for	1 arg	#x \longrightarrow bit string for x
^	append	2 args	~'(ab)'(cd) \longrightarrow (abcd)
~	show	1 arg	~x \longrightarrow x and may show x
:	let	3 args	:xv e \longrightarrow ('&(x)e v) :(fx)d e \longrightarrow ('&(f)e '&(x)d)
&	define	2 args	&xv \longrightarrow x is v &(fx)d \longrightarrow f is &(x)d
”	literally	1 arg	”+ \longrightarrow +
{}	unary		{3} \longrightarrow (111)
[]	comment		[ignored]
()	empty		
0	false		
1	true		

How to Give Binary Data to LISP Expressions

Here is a quick summary of the toy LISP presented in the previous chapter. Each LISP primitive function and variable is a single ASCII character. These primitive functions, all of which have a fixed number of arguments, are now ' for QUOTE (1 argument), . for ATOM (1 argument), = for EQ (2 arguments), + for HEAD (1 argument), - for TAIL (1 argument), * for JOIN (2 arguments), & for FUNCTION and DEFINE (2 arguments), : for LET-BE-IN (3 arguments), / for IF-THEN-ELSE (3 arguments), , for DISPLAY (1 argument), ! for EVAL (1 argument), and ? for TRY (which had 2 arguments, but will soon have 3). The meta-notation " (LITERALLY) indicates that an S-expression with explicit parentheses follows, not what is usually the case in my toy LISP, an M-expression, in which parentheses are often implicit. Finally comments are in []'s, the empty list is written (), TRUE and FALSE are 1 and 0, and in M-expressions the list of `ddd` 1's is written {`ddd`}.

The new idea is this. We define our standard self-delimiting universal Turing machine as follows. Its program is in binary, and appears on a tape in the following form. First comes a toy LISP M-expression, written in ASCII with 7 bits per character. Note that this expression is self-delimiting. The TM reads in this LISP expression, and then evaluates it. As it does this, two new primitive functions @ and % with no arguments may be used to read more from the TM tape. Both of these functions explode if the tape is exhausted, killing the computation. @ reads a single bit from the tape, and % reads in an entire LISP M-expression, in 7-bit character chunks.

This is the only way that information on the TM tape may be accessed, which forces it to be used in a self-delimiting fashion. This is because no algorithm can search for the end of the tape and then use the length of the tape as data in the computation. If an algorithm attempts to read a bit that is not on the tape, the algorithm aborts.

How is information placed on the TM tape in the first place? Well, in the starting environment, the tape is empty and any attempt to read it will give an error message. To place information on the tape, a new argument is added to the primitive function $?$ for depth-limited evaluation.

Consider the three arguments α , β and γ of $?$. The meaning of the first argument, the depth limit α , has been changed slightly. If α is a non-null atom, then there is no depth limit. If α is the empty list, this means zero depth limit (no function calls or re-evaluations). And an N -element list α means depth limit N . The second argument β of $?$ is as before the expression to be evaluated as long as the depth limit α is not exceeded. The new third argument γ of $?$ is a list of bits to be used as the TM tape.

The value ν returned by the primitive function $?$ is also changed. ν is a list. The first element of ν is $!$ if the evaluation of β aborted because an attempt was made to read a non-existent bit from the TM tape. The first element of ν is $?$ if evaluation of β aborted because the depth limit α was exceeded. $!$ and $?$ are the only possible error flags, because my toy LISP is designed with maximally permissive semantics. If the computation β terminated normally instead of aborting, the first element of ν will be a list with only one element, which is the result produced by the computation β . That's the first element of the list ν produced by the $?$ primitive function.

The rest of the value ν is a stack of all the arguments to the primitive function $?,$ that were encountered during the evaluation of β . More precisely, if $?,$ was called N times during the evaluation of β , then ν will be a list of $N + 1$ elements. The N arguments of $?,$ appear in ν in inverse chronological order. Thus $?$ can not only be used to determine if a computation β reads too much tape or goes on too long (i.e., to greater depth than α), but $?$ can also be used to capture all the output that β displayed as it went along, whether the computation β aborted or not.

In summary, all that one has to do to simulate a self-delimiting universal Turing machine $U(p)$ running on the binary program p is to write

$$?0'!%p$$

This is an M-expression with parentheses omitted from primitive functions (which can be done because all primitive functions have a fixed number of arguments). With all parentheses supplied, it becomes the S-expression

$$(?0('(!(%)))p)$$

This says that one is to read a complete LISP M-expression from the TM tape p and then evaluate it without any time limit and using whatever is left on the tape p .

Two more primitive functions have also been added, the 2-argument function \wedge for APPEND, i.e., list concatenation, and the 1-argument function $\#$ for converting an M-expression into the list of the bits in its ASCII character string representation. These are used for constructing the bit strings that are then put on the TM tape using $?$'s third argument γ . Note that the functions \wedge , $\#$ and $\%$ could be programmed rather than included as built-in primitive functions, but it is extremely convenient and much much faster to provide them built in.

Finally a new 1-argument identity function \sim for SHOW is provided for debugging; the **show** version of the interpreter prints this argument. Output produced by \sim is invisible to the “official” $?$ and “,” output mechanism. \sim is needed because $? \alpha \beta \gamma$ suppresses all output θ produced within its depth-controlled evaluation of β . Instead $?$ stacks all output θ from within β for inclusion in the final value ν that $?$ returns, namely $\nu = (\text{atomic error flag or (value of } \beta) \text{ followed by the output } \theta)$.

Each time the interpreter **show's** an expression, it also indicates its size in characters and bits, in decimal and octal, like this: “decimal(octal)/decimal(octal)”. The size in bits is seven times the size in characters. This is intended for use in sizing M-expressions, which in order to be written as S-expressions must be encased in an extra pair of parentheses. Hence the size in characters does not include the outermost containing parentheses.

To summarize, we've added the following five primitive functions to our LISP: `#` for BITS FOR (1 argument), `@` for READ BIT (0 arguments), `%` for READ M-EXP (0 arguments), `^` for APPEND (2 arguments), and `~` for SHOW (1 argument). And now `?` has three arguments instead of two and returns a more complicated value.

Course Outline

The course begins by explaining with examples my toy LISP. See `test.1` and `example.1`.

Then the theory of LISP program-size complexity is developed a little. The LISP program-size complexity $H_L(x)$ of an S-expression x is defined to be the size in characters of the smallest self-contained LISP M-expression whose value is x . “Self-contained” means that we assume the initial empty environment with no function definitions, and that there is no binary data available. The LISP program-size complexity of a formal axiomatic system is the size in characters of the smallest self-contained LISP M-expression that displays the theorems of the formal axiomatic system (in any order, and perhaps with duplications) using the DISPLAY primitive function “,”.

LISP program-size complexity is extremely simple and concrete.

First of all, LISP program-size complexity is subadditive, because expressions are self-delimiting and can be concatenated, and also because we are dealing with pure LISP and no side-effects get in the way. More precisely, consider the LISP M-expression `*p*q()`, where p is a minimum-size LISP M-expression for x , and q is a minimum-size LISP M-expression for y . The value of this M-expression is the pair (xy) consisting of x and y . This shows that

$$H_L((xy)) \leq H_L(x) + H_L(y) + 4.$$

And the probability Ω_L that a LISP M-expression “halts” or has a value is well-defined, also because programs are self-delimiting.

Secondly, LISP complexity easily yields elegant incompleteness theorems. It is easy to show that it is impossible to prove that a self-contained LISP M-expression is elegant, i.e., that no smaller M-expression has the same output. More precisely, a formal axiomatic

system of LISP complexity N cannot enable us to prove that a LISP M-expression that has more than $N + 163$ characters is elegant. See `lgodel1.1` and `lgodel2.1`. And it is easy to show that it is impossible to establish lower bounds on LISP complexity. More precisely, a formal axiomatic system of LISP complexity N cannot enable us to exhibit an S-expression with LISP complexity greater than $N + 157$. See `lgodel3.1` and `lgodel4.1`.

But LISP programs have severe information-theoretic limitations because they do not encode information very efficiently in 7-bit ASCII characters subject to LISP syntax constraints. So next we give binary data to LISP programs and measure the size of these programs as (7 times the number of characters in the LISP program) plus (the number of bits in the binary data). More precisely, we define a new complexity $H \equiv H_U$ measured in bits via minimum-size binary programs for a self-delimiting universal Turing machine U . I.e., $H(\dots)$ denotes the size in bits of the smallest program that makes our standard universal Turing machine U compute \dots . Binary programs pack information more densely than LISP M-expressions, but they must be kept self-delimiting. We define our standard self-delimiting universal Turing machine $U(p)$ with binary program (“tape”) p as

?0’!%p

as was explained in the previous chapter.

Next we show that

$$H(x, y) \leq H(x) + H(y) + 56.$$

This inequality states that the information needed to compute the pair (x, y) is bounded by the constant 56 plus the sum of the information needed to compute x and the information needed to compute y . Consider

!%!%()

This is an M-expression with parentheses omitted from primitive functions. The constant 56 is just the size of this LISP M-expression, which is exactly 8 characters = 56 bits. See `univ.1`. Note that in standard LISP this would be something like

```
(CONS (EVAL (READ-EXPRESSION))
      (CONS (EVAL (READ-EXPRESSION))
            NIL))
```

which is much more than 8 characters long.

Next let's look at a binary string x of $|x|$ bits. We show that

$$H(x) \leq 2|x| + 140$$

and

$$H(x) \leq |x| + H(|x|) + 441.$$

As before, the programs for doing this are exhibited and run. See `univ.1`.

Next we show how to calculate the halting probability Ω of our standard self-delimiting universal Turing machine in the limit from below. The LISP program for doing this, `omega.1`, is now remarkably clear and fast, and much better than the one given in my Cambridge University Press monograph. The N th lower bound on Ω is (the number of N -bit programs that halt on U within time N) divided by 2^N . Using a big (512 megabyte) version of our LISP interpreter, we calculate these lower bounds for $N = 0$ to $N = 22$. See `omega.r`. Using this algorithm for computing Ω in the limit from below, we show that if Ω_N denotes the first N bits of the fractional part of the base-two real number Ω , then

$$H(\Omega_N) > N - 1883.$$

Again this is done with a program that can actually be run and whose size in bits is the constant 1883. See `omega2.1`.

Next we turn to the self-delimiting program-size complexity $H(X)$ for infinite r.e. sets X , which is not considered at all in my Cambridge University Press monograph. This is now defined to be the size in bits of the smallest LISP M-expression ξ that displays the members of the r.e. set X using the LISP primitive “,”. “,” is an identity function with the side-effect of displaying the value of its argument. Note that this LISP M-expression ξ is allowed to read additional bits or M-expressions from the UTM U 's tape using the primitive functions `@` and `%` if ξ so desires. But of course ξ is charged for this; this adds to ξ 's program

size. In this context it doesn't matter whether ξ halts or not or what its value, if any, is.

It was in order to deal with such unending expressions ξ that the LISP primitive function TRY for time-limited evaluation $?_{\alpha}\beta\gamma$ now captures all output from “,” within its second argument β .

To illustrate these new concepts, we show that

$$H(X \cap Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799$$

and

$$H(X \cup Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799.$$

for infinite r.e. sets X and Y . As before, we run examples. See `sets0.1` through `sets4.1`.

Now consider a formal axiomatic system A of complexity N , i.e., with a set of theorems T_A that considered as an r.e. set as above has self-delimiting program-size complexity $H(T_A) = N$. We show that A has the following limitations. First of all, we show directly that A cannot enable us to exhibit a specific S-expression s with self-delimiting complexity $H(s)$ greater than $N + 994$. See `godel1.1` and `godel2.1`.

Secondly, using the $H(\Omega_N) > N - 1883$ inequality established in `omega2.1`, we show that A cannot enable us to determine more than $N + 3192$ bits of the binary representation of the halting probability Ω , even if these bits are scattered and we leave gaps. (See `godel3.1` through `godel5.1`.) In my Cambridge University Press monograph, this took a hundred pages to show, and involved the systematic development of a general theory using measure-theoretic arguments. Following “Information-theoretic incompleteness,” *Applied Mathematics and Computation* **52** (1992), pp. 83–101, the proof is now a straightforward Berry-paradox-like program-size argument. Moreover we are using a deeper definition of $H(A) \equiv H(T_A)$ via infinite self-delimiting computations.

And last but not least, the philosophical implications of all this should be discussed, especially the extent to which it tends to justify experimental mathematics. This would be along the lines of the discussion in my talk transcript “Randomness in arithmetic and the decline and fall of reductionism in pure mathematics,” *Bulletin of the European Association for Theoretical Computer Science*, No. 50 (June

1993), pp. 314–328, later published as “Randomness and complexity in pure mathematics,” *International Journal of Bifurcation and Chaos* **4** (1994), pp. 3–15.

This concludes our “hand-on” course on the information-theoretic limits of mathematics.

Software User Guide

All the software for this course is written in a toy version of *LISP*. *.l files are toy *LISP* code, and *.r files are interpreter output. Three *C* programs, `lisp.c`, `show.c`, and `big.c` are provided; they are slightly different versions of the *LISP* interpreter. In these instructions we assume that this software is being run in the *AIX* environment.

To run the standard version `lisp` of the interpreter, first compile `lisp.c`. This is done using the command `cc -O -olisp lisp.c`. The resulting interpreter is about 128 megabytes big. If this is too large, reduce the `#define SIZE` before compiling it.

There are three different ways to use this interpreter: To use the interpreter `lisp` interactively, that is, with input and output on the screen, enter

```
lisp
```

To run a *LISP* program `X.l` with output on the screen, enter

```
lisp <X.l
```

To run a *LISP* program `X.l` with output in a file rather than on the screen, enter

```
lisp <X.l >X.r
```

Similarly, the `show` and `big` (512 megabyte) versions of the interpreter are obtained by compiling `show.c` and `big.c`, respectively, and they are used in the same way as the standard version `lisp` is used. The `show` version of the interpreter is the only one that shows and sizes the arguments of `SHOW ~`.

test.l

```
[ LISP test run ]
'(abc)
+'(abc)
-'(abc)
*'(ab) '(cd)
.'a
.'(abc)
='(ab) '(ab)
='(ab) '(ac)
-,-,-,-,-,'(abcdef)
/0'x'y
/1'x'y
!,'/1'x'y
(*&*(*)*,'/1'x'y())
('&(xy)y 'a 'b)
: x 'a : y 'b *x*y()
[ first atom ]
: (Fx)/.,xx F+x F'(((a)b)c)d)
[ concatenation ]
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab) '(cd)
?'()'
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab) '(cd)
'()
?'(1)'
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab) '(cd)
'()
?'(11)'
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab) '(cd)
'()
```

```

?'(111)'
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab)'(cd)
'()
?'(1111)'
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab)'(cd)
'()

```

```

[ d: x goes to (xx) ]
& (dx) *,x*x()
[ e really doubles length of string each time ]
& (ex) *,xx
ddddddddd()
eeeeeeeeee()

```

test.r

lisp.c

LISP Interpreter Run

[LISP test run]

'(abc)

expression ('(abc))

value (abc)

+'(abc)

expression (+(' (abc)))

value a

-'(abc)

expression (-(' (abc)))

value (bc)

*'(ab)'(cd)

expression (*(' (ab)) (' (cd)))

value ((ab)cd)

.'a

expression (.('a))

value 1

$\cdot '(abc)$

expression $(\cdot '(abc))$
value 0

$= '(ab) '(ab)$

expression $(= '(ab)) ('(ab))$
value 1

$= '(ab) '(ac)$

expression $(= ('(ab)) ('(ac)))$
value 0

$-,-,-,-,-,-, '(abcdef)$

expression $(-(-(-(-(-(-(-(-(' (abcdef))))))))))$
display $(abcdef)$
display $(bcdef)$
display $(cdef)$
display (def)
display (ef)
display (f)
value $()$

$/0 'x 'y$

expression $(/0 ('x) ('y))$
value y

$/1 'x 'y$

expression $(/1 ('x) ('y))$
value x

$!, '/1 'x 'y$


```
expression  (!,(('/1('x)('y))))
display    (/1('x)('y))
value      x
```

```
("&*(*)*, '/1'x'y())
```

```
expression  ((*&*(*)*(','(/1('x)('y))))))
display    (/1('x)('y))
value      x
```

```
('&(xy)y 'a 'b)
```

```
expression  (('(&(xy)y))('a)('b))
value      b
```

```
: x 'a : y 'b *x*y()
```

```
expression  (('(&(x)(('(&(y)(*x(*y()))))('b))))('a))
value      (ab)
```

```
[ first atom ]
: (Fx)/.,xx F+x F'(((a)b)c)d)
```

```
expression  (('(&(F)(F('(((a)b)c)d))))('(&(x)/(. (,x))x(F(+x
))))))
display    (((a)b)c)d)
display    (((a)b)c)
display    ((a)b)
display    (a)
display    a
value      a
```

```
[ concatenation ]
: (Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab)'(cd)
```

```
expression  (('(&(C)(C(' (ab))(' (cd))))('(&(xy)/(. (,x))y(*(+x
) (C(-x)y))))))
display    (ab)
display    (b)
```

```
display      ()
value        (abcd)
```

```
?'()'
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab)'(cd)
'()
```

```
expression  (?('()))('(('(&(C)(C('ab))('cd))))('(&(xy)/(. (,
x))y(*(+x)(C(-x)y))))))('()))
value       (?)
```

```
?'(1)'
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab)'(cd)
'()
```

```
expression  (?('(1))('(('(&(C)(C('ab))('cd))))('(&(xy)/(. (,
,x))y(*(+x)(C(-x)y))))))('()))
value       (?)
```

```
?'(11)'
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab)'(cd)
'()
```

```
expression  (?('(11))('(('(&(C)(C('ab))('cd))))('(&(xy)/(.
(,x))y(*(+x)(C(-x)y))))))('()))
value       (? (ab))
```

```
?'(111)'
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab)'(cd)
'()
```

```
expression  (?('(111))('(('(&(C)(C('ab))('cd))))('(&(xy)/(.
(,x))y(*(+x)(C(-x)y))))))('()))
value       (? (b)(ab))
```

```
?'(1111)'
:(Cxy) /.,xy *+xC-xy C'(ab)'(cd)
'()
```



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```

eeeeeeee()

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expression  (e(e(e(e(e(e(e(e()))))))))
display    ()
display    (())
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End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

example.l

```
[[[(Fx) = flatten x by removing all interior parentheses]]]
[Define F of x as follows: if x is empty then return empty, if
 x is an atom then join x to the empty list, otherwise split
 x into its head and tail, flatten each, and append the results.]
& (Fx) /=x()() /.x*x() ^F+xF-x
F,"F [use F to flatten itself]
[[[(Gx) = size of x in unary]]]
[Let G of x be [if x is empty, then unary two, if x is an atom,
 then unary one, otherwise split x into its head and tail,
 size each, and add the results] in ...]
: (Gx) /=x()'{2} /.x'{1} ^G+xB-x
[Let G of x be [...] in:]
G,"G [apply G to itself]
```


example.r

lisp.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[(Fx) = flatten x by removing all interior parentheses]]]
[Define F of x as follows: if x is empty then return empty, if
 x is an atom then join x to the empty list, otherwise split
 x into its head and tail, flatten each, and append the results.]
& (Fx) /=x()() /.x*x() ^F+xF-x
```

```
F:      (&(x)(/=(x())()/(.x)(*x())^(F(+x))(F(-x)))))
```

```
F,"F [use F to flatten itself]
```

```
expression (F(,F))
display    (&(x)(/=(x())()/(.x)(*x())^(F(+x))(F(-x)))))
value      (&x/=x/.x*x^F+xF-x)
```

```
[[[(Gx) = size of x in unary]]]
[Let G of x be [if x is empty, then unary two, if x is an atom,
 then unary one, otherwise split x into its head and tail,
 size each, and add the results] in ...]
: (Gx) /=x()'{2} /.x'{1} ^G+xB-x
[Let G of x be [...] in:]
G,"G [apply G to itself]
```

```
expression ((('(&(G)(G(,G))))('(&(x)(/=(x())(' (11))(/(.x)(' (1)
)^(G(+x))(G(-x)))))
display    (&(x)(/=(x())(' (11))(/(.x)(' (1))^(G(+x))(G(-x))))
```

[illegible]

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

lgodel.l

```
[[[ Show that a formal system of lisp complexity  $H_L(FAS) = N$ 
    cannot enable us to exhibit an elegant M-expression of
    size greater than  $N + 163$ .
    An elegant lisp M-expression is one with the property that no
    smaller M-expression has the same output. One may consider
    the output of an M-expression to be either its value or what
    it displays. The proof below works in either case.
    Setting: formal axiomatic system is never-ending lisp M-expression
    that displays elegant M-expressions.
]]]

[ Idea is to have a program P search for something X that can be proved
  to be more complex than P is, and therefore P can never find X.
  I.e., idea is to show that if this program halts we get a contradiction,
  and therefore the program doesn't halt. ]

[m-expression:]
'(*a*b*c())
[convert m-exp to s-exp]
++?0'%#,'(*a*b*c())
[convert m-exp to s-exp and run it]
! ,++?0'%#,'(*a*b*c())
[display m-exp, convert to s-exp and run it]
! ,++?0'%#,'(*a*b*c())

!++?0'%#~'( [begin literally]

[ | = |x| = size of s-expression x in characters ]
: (|x) /=x()' {2} /.x' {1} ^ |+x|-x
```

```

[ < = unary number x is less than unary number y ]
[ x and y are lists of 1's ]
:(<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y

[ E = examine list x for element that is more than n characters in size. ]
[ If not found returns false/0. ]
:(Exn) /.x0 /<n|+x +x E-xn

[ (2n) = convert reversed binary to unary ]
:(2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk

[ Here we are given the formal axiomatic system FAS. ]
:f '"(?) [insert FAS m-expression here inside ()]

[ n = the number of characters in program including the FAS. ]
:n ~^|f 2'(110 001 01) [show that this m-exp knows its own size]
[ n = 163 base 10 + |FAS| = 243 base 8 + |FAS| ]

[ L = loop running the formal axiomatic system ]
:(Lt)
  :v ?t'!%#f [Run the formal system for t time steps.]
  :s E-vn [Did it output an elegant m-exp larger than this program?]
  /s !++?0'%#s [If found elegant m-exp bigger than this program,
                run it so that its output is our output (contradiction!)]
  /.+v L*1t [If not, keep looping]
  "?" [or halt if formal system halted.]
L() [Start loop running with t = 0.]

) [end literally]

```

lgodel.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[ Show that a formal system of lisp complexity  $H_L(FAS) = N$ 
      cannot enable us to exhibit an elegant M-expression of
      size greater than  $N + 163$ .
      An elegant lisp M-expression is one with the property that no
      smaller M-expression has the same output. One may consider
      the output of an M-expression to be either its value or what
      it displays. The proof below works in either case.
      Setting: formal axiomatic system is never-ending lisp M-expression
      that displays elegant M-expressions.
]]]
```

[Idea is to have a program P search for something X that can be proved
to be more complex than P is, and therefore P can never find X.
I.e., idea is to show that if this program halts we get a contradiction,
and therefore the program doesn't halt.]

```
[m-expression:]
'"(*a*b*c())

expression  ('(*a*b*c()))
value      (*a*b*c())

[convert m-exp to s-exp]
++?0'%#'"(*a*b*c())
```

```
expression  (+(+ (?0('(%)) (#('(*a*b*c()))))))
value      (*a(*b(*c())))
```

```
[convert m-exp to s-exp and run it]
! ,++?0'%#,'"(*a*b*c())
```

```
expression  (! (, (+ (+ (?0('(%)) (#('(*a*b*c()))))))))
display     (*a(*b(*c())))
value      (abc)
```

```
[display m-exp, convert to s-exp and run it]
! ,++?0'%#,'"(*a*b*c())
```

```
expression  (! (, (+ (+ (?0('(%)) (# (, ('(*a*b*c()))))))))
display     (*a*b*c())
display     (*a(*b(*c())))
value      (abc)
```

```
!++?0'%#~'"( [begin literally]
```

```
[ | = |x| = size of s-expression x in characters ]
: (|x) /=x() '{2} /.x' {1} ^|+x|-x
```

```
[ < = unary number x is less than unary number y ]
[ x and y are lists of 1's ]
: (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y
```

```
[ E = examine list x for element that is more than n characters in size. ]
[ If not found returns false/0. ]
: (Exn) /.x0 /<n|+x +x E-xn
```

```
[ (2n) = convert reversed binary to unary ]
: (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk
```

```
[ Here we are given the formal axiomatic system FAS. ]
:f '"(?) [insert FAS m-expression here inside ()]
```

```
[ n = the number of characters in program including the FAS. ]
```

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

lgodel2.1

```
[[[ Show that a formal system of lisp complexity  $H_L(FAS) = N$ 
    cannot enable us to exhibit an elegant M-expression of
    size greater than  $N + 163$ .
    An elegant lisp M-expression is one with the property that no
    smaller M-expression has the same output. One may consider
    the output of an M-expression to be either its value or what
    it displays. The proof below works in either case.
    Setting: formal axiomatic system is never-ending lisp M-expression
    that displays elegant M-expressions.
]]]
```

[Idea is to have a program P search for something X that can be proved
to be more complex than P is, and therefore P can never find X.
I.e., idea is to show that if this program halts we get a contradiction,
and therefore the program doesn't halt.]

```
[m-expression:]
'(*a*b*c())
[convert m-exp to s-exp]
++?0'%#,'(*a*b*c())
[convert m-exp to s-exp and run it]
! ,++?0'%#,'(*a*b*c())
[display m-exp, convert to s-exp and run it]
! ,++?0'%#,'(*a*b*c())

!++?0'%#~'( [begin literally]
```

[| = |x| = size of s-expression x in characters]
:(|x) /=x()'{2} /.x'{1} ^|+x|-x

```

[ < = unary number x is less than unary number y ]
[ x and y are lists of 1's ]
:(<xy) /.y1 /.x1 <-x-y          [[ MAKE ALWAYS "TRUE" FOR TEST ]]

[ E = examine list x for element that is more than n characters in size. ]
[ If not found returns false/0. ]
:(Exn) /.x0 /<n|+x +x E-xn

[ (2n) = convert reversed binary to unary ]
:(2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk

[ Here we are given the formal axiomatic system FAS. ]
:f '","(*a*b*c())          [[ FAS = {The m-exp *a*b*c() is elegant} ]]

[ n = the number of characters in program including the FAS. ]
:n ~^|f 2'(110 001 01) [show that this m-exp knows its own size]
[ n = 163 base 10 + |FAS| = 243 base 8 + |FAS| ]

[ L = loop running the formal axiomatic system ]
:(Lt)
  :v ?t'!%#f      [Run the formal system for t time steps.]
  :s E-vn         [Did it output an elegant m-exp larger than this program?]
  /s !++?0'%#s    [If found elegant m-exp bigger than this program,
                  run it so that its output is our output (contradiction!)]
  /.+v L*1t       [If not, keep looping]
  "?"            [or halt if formal system halted.]
L()              [Start loop running with t = 0.]

)                [end literally]

```

lgodel2.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[ Show that a formal system of lisp complexity  $H_L$  (FAS) = N
      cannot enable us to exhibit an elegant M-expression of
      size greater than  $N + 163$ .
      An elegant lisp M-expression is one with the property that no
      smaller M-expression has the same output. One may consider
      the output of an M-expression to be either its value or what
      it displays. The proof below works in either case.
      Setting: formal axiomatic system is never-ending lisp M-expression
      that displays elegant M-expressions.
]]]
```

[Idea is to have a program P search for something X that can be proved
to be more complex than P is, and therefore P can never find X.
I.e., idea is to show that if this program halts we get a contradiction,
and therefore the program doesn't halt.]

```
[m-expression:]
'"(*a*b*c())

expression  ('(*a*b*c()))
value      (*a*b*c())

[convert m-exp to s-exp]
++?0'%#'"(*a*b*c())
```

```
expression  (+(+(?0('(%))(#('(*a*b*c()))))))
value      (*a(*b(*c())))
```

```
[convert m-exp to s-exp and run it]
!,++?0'%#,'"(*a*b*c())
```

```
expression  (!,(+((?0('(%))(#('(*a*b*c()))))))))
display     (*a(*b(*c()))
value      (abc)
```

```
[display m-exp, convert to s-exp and run it]
!,++?0'%#,'"(*a*b*c())
```

```
expression  (!,(+((?0('(%))(#(,('(*a*b*c()))))))))
display     (*a*b*c())
display     (*a(*b(*c()))
value      (abc)
```

```
!++?0'%#~'"( [begin literally]
```

```
[ | = |x| = size of s-expression x in characters ]
: (|x) /=x()'{2} /.x' {1} ^|+x|-x
```

```
[ < = unary number x is less than unary number y ]
[ x and y are lists of 1's ]
: (<xy) /.y1 /.x1 <-x-y          [[ MAKE ALWAYS "TRUE" FOR TEST ]]
```

```
[ E = examine list x for element that is more than n characters in size. ]
[ If not found returns false/0. ]
: (Exn) /.x0 /<n|+x +x E-xn
```

```
[ (2n) = convert reversed binary to unary ]
: (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk
```

```
[ Here we are given the formal axiomatic system FAS. ]
:f '","(*a*b*c())          [[ FAS = {The m-exp *a*b*c() is elegant} ]]
```

```
[ n = the number of characters in program including the FAS. ]
```

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

lgodel3.1

```

[[[ Show that a formal system of lisp complexity  $H_L(FAS) = N$ 
    cannot enable us to exhibit an S-expression with lisp complexity
    greater than  $N + 157$ .
    Setting: formal axiomatic system is never-ending lisp expression
    that displays pairs (s-expression x, unary number n)
    with  $H_L(x) \geq n$ .
]]]

[ Idea is to have a program P search for something X that can be proved
  to be more complex than P is, and therefore P can never find X.
  I.e., idea is to show that if this program halts we get a contradiction,
  and therefore the program doesn't halt. ]

!++?0'%#~'"( [begin literally]

[ | = |x| = size in characters of s-expression x. ]
: (|x) /=x()'{2} /.x' {1} ^|+x|-x

[ < = unary number x is less than unary number y ]
[ x and y are lists of 1's ]
: (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y

[ E = examine list x for first s in pair (s,m) with  $H_L(s) \geq m > n$ . ]
[ If not found returns false/0. ]
: (Exn) /.x0 /<n+--x ++x E-xn

[ (2n) = convert reversed binary to unary ]
: (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk

```

```

[ Here we are given the formal axiomatic system FAS. ]
:f ' "(" ? ) [Replace "?" here by m-exp for FAS]

[ n = number of characters in program including the FAS. ]
:n ~^|f 2'(110 110 01)
[ n = 155 base 10 + (|FAS| + 2) = 233 base 8 + (|FAS| + 2) ]

[ L = loop running the formal axiomatic system ]
:(Lt)
  :v ?t'!%#f [Run the formal system for t time steps.]
  :s E-vn [Have we found an s-exp more complex than this program?]
  /s s [If found s-exp more complex than this program,
        return it as our value (contradiction!)]
        [This m-exp's value is an s-exp of complexity > 157 + |FAS|.
        But this m-exp's size is 157 + |FAS|! Impossible!]
  /.+v L*1t [If not, keep looping]
  "?" [or halt if formal system halted.]
L() [Start loop running with t = 0.]

) [end literally]

```


lgodel3.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[ Show that a formal system of lisp complexity  $H_L$  (FAS) = N
      cannot enable us to exhibit an S-expression with lisp complexity
      greater than  $N + 157$ .
      Setting: formal axiomatic system is never-ending lisp expression
      that displays pairs (s-expression x, unary number n)
      with  $H_L(x) \geq n$ .
]]]

[ Idea is to have a program P search for something X that can be proved
  to be more complex than P is, and therefore P can never find X.
  I.e., idea is to show that if this program halts we get a contradiction,
  and therefore the program doesn't halt. ]

!++?0'%#~''( [begin literally]

[ | = |x| = size in characters of s-expression x. ]
: (|x) /=x()'{2} /.x' {1} ^|+x|-x

[ < = unary number x is less than unary number y ]
[ x and y are lists of 1's ]
: (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y

[ E = examine list x for first s in pair (s,m) with  $H_L(s) \geq m > n$ . ]
[ If not found returns false/0. ]
: (Exn) /.x0 /<n+--x ++x E-xn
```

[illegible]

lgodel3.r

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value ?

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

lgodel4.1

```

[[[ Show that a formal system of lisp complexity  $H_L$  (FAS) = N
    cannot enable us to exhibit an S-expression with lisp complexity
    greater than  $N + 157$ .
    Setting: formal axiomatic system is never-ending lisp expression
    that displays pairs (s-expression x, unary number n)
    with  $H_L(x) \geq n$ .
]]]

[ Idea is to have a program P search for something X that can be proved
  to be more complex than P is, and therefore P can never find X.
  I.e., idea is to show that if this program halts we get a contradiction,
  and therefore the program doesn't halt. ]

!++?0'%#~'"( [begin literally]

[ | = |x| = size in characters of s-expression x. ]
: (|x) /=x() '{2} /.x' {1} ^|+x|-x

[ < = unary number x is less than unary number y ]
[ x and y are lists of 1's ]
: (<xy) /.y1 /.x1 <-x-y                [[FORCE VALUE "TRUE" FOR TEST]]

[ E = examine list x for first s in pair (s,m) with  $H_L(s) \geq m > n$ . ]
[ If not found returns false/0. ]
: (Exn) /.x0 /<n+--x ++x E-xn

[ (2n) = convert reversed binary to unary ]
: (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk

```

```

[ Here we are given the formal axiomatic system FAS. ]
:f '( , '((xy)(111)) )                [[FAS = {"H((xy)) >= 3"}]]

[ n = number of characters in program including the FAS. ]
:n ~^|f 2'(110 110 01)
[ n = 155 base 10 + (|FAS| + 2) = 233 base 8 + (|FAS| + 2) ]

[ L = loop running the formal axiomatic system ]
:(Lt)
  :v ?t'!%#f [Run the formal system for t time steps.]
  :s E-vn     [Have we found an s-exp more complex than this program?]
  /s s        [If found s-exp more complex than this program,
               return it as our value (contradiction!)]
               [This m-exp's value is an s-exp of complexity > 157 + |FAS|.
               But this m-exp's size is 157 + |FAS|! Impossible!]
  /.+v L*1t   [If not, keep looping]
  "?"         [or halt if formal system halted.]
L()           [Start loop running with t = 0.]

) [end literally]

```

lgodel4.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[ Show that a formal system of lisp complexity  $H_L$  (FAS) = N
      cannot enable us to exhibit an S-expression with lisp complexity
      greater than  $N + 157$ .
      Setting: formal axiomatic system is never-ending lisp expression
      that displays pairs (s-expression x, unary number n)
      with  $H_L(x) \geq n$ .
]]]
```

[Idea is to have a program P search for something X that can be proved
to be more complex than P is, and therefore P can never find X.
I.e., idea is to show that if this program halts we get a contradiction,
and therefore the program doesn't halt.]

```
!++?0'%#~''( [begin literally]
```

```
[ | = |x| = size in characters of s-expression x. ]
: (|x) /=x()'{2} /.x' {1} ^|+x|-x
```

```
[ < = unary number x is less than unary number y ]
[ x and y are lists of 1's ]
: (<xy) /.y1 /.x1 <-x-y                [[FORCE VALUE "TRUE" FOR TEST]]
```

```
[ E = examine list x for first s in pair (s,m) with  $H_L(s) \geq m > n$ . ]
[ If not found returns false/0. ]
: (Exn) /.x0 /<n+--x ++x E-xn
```

[illegible]

lgodel4.r

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value (xy)

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

univ.l

```
[[[
First steps with my new construction for
a self-delimiting universal Turing machine.
We show that
     $H(xy) \leq H(x) + H(y) + 56.$ 
Consider a bit string  $x$  of length  $|x|$ .
We also show that
     $H(x) \leq 2|x| + 140$ 
and that
     $H(x) \leq |x| + H(|x|) + 441.$ 
]]]

?0
':(f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f
'(0011001101)
[ This is 140 bits long: ]
~'"( :(f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
[ Here are the 140 bits: ]
#'"( :(f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
[ Here is the self-delimiting universal Turing machine! ]
[ (with slightly funny handling of out-of-tape condition) ]
& (Up) ++?0'!%p
[Show that  $H(x) \leq 2|x| + 140$ ]
U
^ #'"( :(f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
'(0011001101)
U
^ #'"( :(f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
'(0011001100)
```

U

```

^ #~'"( *!%*!%( ) [The length of this bit string is the]
                        [constant c = 56 in H(x,y) <= H(x)+H(y)+c.]
^ #'"( : (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf ( ) f )
^ '(0011001101)
^ #'"( : (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf ( ) f )
  '(1100110001)
& (Dk) /=0+k *1D-k /.-k ( ) *0-k [D = decrement reverse binary]
,D,D,D,D,D,'(001)
U
^ #~'          [Show that H(x) <= |x| + H(|x|) + 441.]
"(            [begin literally]
  : (Re) /.e() ^R-e*+e()          [R = reverse  ]
  : (Dk) /=0+k *1D-k /.-k ( ) *0-k [D = decrement]
  : (Lk) /.k ( ) *@LDk            [L = loop     ]
  LR!%
)              [end literally]
^ #'"( '(1000) ) [ lisp expression that evaluates to binary 8, ]
  '(0000 0001)   [ so 8 bits of data follows the header ]

```

univ.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  First steps with my new construction for
  a self-delimiting universal Turing machine.
  We show that
     $H(xy) \leq H(x) + H(y) + 56.$ 
  Consider a bit string  $x$  of length  $|x|$ .
  We also show that
     $H(x) \leq 2|x| + 140$ 
  and that
     $H(x) \leq |x| + H(|x|) + 441.$ 
]]]
```

?0

```
':(f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f
'(0011001101)
```

```
expression  (?0('((&(f)(f)))('(&())('(&(x)(('(&(y)/(&xy)(*x
              (f))()))))(@))))(@))))('0011001101)))
value       (((0101)))
```

```
[ This is 140 bits long: ]
~'"( : (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
```

```
expression  (~('(: (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f)))
show        (: (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f)
```

```
size      20(24)/140(214)
value     (: (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
```

```
[ Here are the 140 bits: ]
#'"( : (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
```

```
expression  (#('(: (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f)))
value       (0111010010100011001100101001011101011110001000000
01110101111001100000000101111011110111100011110010
10101011110001100110010100001010011100110)
```

```
[ Here is the self-delimiting universal Turing machine! ]
[ (with slightly funny handling of out-of-tape condition) ]
& (Up) ++?0'!%p
```

```
U:      (&(p)(+(+(?0('(!(%)))p))))
```

```
[Show that  $H(x) \leq 2|x| + 140$ ]
```

```
U
^ #'"( : (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
' (0011001101)
```

```
expression  (U(^ (#('(: (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f))) (' (0011001101))))
value       (0101)
```

```
U
^ #'"( : (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
' (0011001100)
```

```
expression  (U(^ (#('(: (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f))) (' (0011001100))))
value       !
```

```
U
^ #~'"( *!%*!%() ) [The length of this bit string is the]
                    [constant c = 56 in  $H(x,y) \leq H(x)+H(y)+c.$ ]
^ #'"( : (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
^ ' (0011001101)
^ #'"( : (f) :x@ :y@ /=xy *xf () f )
' (1100110001)
```

```

expression (U^(#(~('(*!%*!%()))))^(#('(:(f):x@:y@/=xy*xf()f
)))^((' (0011001101))^(#('(:(f):x@:y@/=xy*xf()f)))
(' (1100110001))))))
show      (*!%*!%())
size      8(10)/56(70)
value     ((0101)(1010))

```

& (Dk) /=0+k *1D-k /.-k () *0-k [D = decrement reverse binary]

D: (&(k) (/ (=0(+k)) (*1(D(-k))) (/ (.(-k)) () (*0(-k)))))

,D,D,D,D,'(001)

```

expression (,(D(,(D(,(D(,(D(,( '(001))))))))))
display    (001)
display    (11)
display    (01)
display    (1)
display    ()
display    ()
value      ()

```

U

```

^ #~'      [Show that H(x) <= |x| + H(|x|) + 441.]
"(         [begin literally]
: (Re) /.e() ^R-e**e()      [R = reverse ]
: (Dk) /=0+k *1D-k /.-k () *0-k  [D = decrement]
: (Lk) /.k () *@LDk         [L = loop      ]
LR!%
)          [end literally]
^ #'"( '(1000) ) [ lisp expression that evaluates to binary 8, ]
'(0000 0001)    [ so 8 bits of data follows the header ]

```

```

expression (U^(#(~('(: (Re) /.e() ^R-e**e() : (Dk) /=0+k*1D-k /.-k(
)*0-k: (Lk) /.k() *@LDkLR!%))))^(#('(' (1000))))(' (00
000001))))))
show      (: (Re) /.e() ^R-e**e() : (Dk) /=0+k*1D-k /.-k() *0-k: (Lk)
/.k() *@LDkLR!%)
size      63(77)/441(671)

```

value (00000001)

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

omega.l

```
[[[[ Omega in the limit from below! ]]]]
```

```
[[[
  (Wn) = the nth lower bound on the halting probability
  Omega = (the number of n-bit programs that halt when
  run on U for time n) divided by (2 to the power n).
]]]
```

```
[S = sum of three bits]
&(Sxyz) =x=yz
```

```
[C = carry of three bits]
&(Cxyz) /x/y1z/yz0
```

```
[A = addition of reversed binary x and y]
[c = carryin]
&(Axc) /.x /.y /c'(1)() A'(0)yc
      /.y Ax'(0)c
      * S+x+yc A-x-yC+x+yc
```

```
[Pad x to length k on right and reverse]
&(Rkx) /.x/.k() *0Rx-k ^ R-x-k *+x()
```

```
&(Vkp) /.k /.+?n'!%p () '(1)
      A V-k*0p V-k*1p 0
```

```
&(Wn) *0*". R Vn() n
```

```
[These lower bounds are zero until we
```

```

get a complete 7-bit character:]
W'{0}
W'{1}
W'{2}
W'{3}
W'{4}
W'{5}
W'{6}
[Programs are now one 7-bit ASCII character.]
W'{7}
W'{8}
W'{9}
W'{10}
W'{11}
W'{12}
W'{13}
[Programs are now two 7-bit ASCII characters.]
W'{14}
W'{15}
W'{16}
W'{17}
W'{18}
W'{19}
W'{20}
[Programs are now three 7-bit ASCII characters.]
W'{21}
W'{22}
[At this point we run out of memory, even with
 512 megabytes of lisp storage. The solution
 is either more storage, or a much more
 complicated lisp interpreter with garbage
 collection. We will never reach the first
 program that loops forever. The smallest
 example I know is  :(f)f f  which is
 6 characters = 42 bits.]
[
W'{23}
]

```

omega.r

big.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[[ Omega in the limit from below! ]]]]
```

```
[[[
  (Wn) = the nth lower bound on the halting probability
  Omega = (the number of n-bit programs that halt when
  run on U for time n) divided by (2 to the power n).
]]]
```

```
[S = sum of three bits]
&(Sxyz) =x=yz
```

```
S:      (&(xyz)(=x(=yz)))
```

```
[C = carry of three bits]
&(Cxyz) /x/y1z/yz0
```

```
C:      (&(xyz)(/x(/y1z)(/yz0)))
```

```
[A = addition of reversed binary x and y]
[c = carryin]
&(Axc) /.x /.y /c'(1)() A'(0)yc
      /.y Ax'(0)c
      * S+x+yc A-x-yC+x+yc
```

A: $(\&(xyc)/(.x)/(.y)/c(' (1))())(A(' (0))yc)/(.y)(Ax(' (0))c)(*(S(+x)(+y)c)(A(-x)(-y)(C(+x)(+y)c))))$

[Pad x to length k on right and reverse]
 $\&(R x k) /.x/.k() *ORx-k \wedge R-x-k *+x()$

R: $(\&(xk)/(.x)/(.k)()(*O(Rx(-k))))(\wedge(R(-x)(-k))(*(+x)()))))$

$\&(Vkp) /.k /.+?n'!%p () '(1)$
 $A V-k*Op V-k*1p 0$

V: $(\&(kp)/(.k)/(.+(?n('(!(%)))p)))()(' (1))(A(V(-k)(*Op))(V(-k)(*1p)0)))$

$\&(Wn) *O* ". R Vn() n$

W: $(\&(n)(*O(*.(R(Vn())n))))$

[These lower bounds are zero until we
 get a complete 7-bit character:]
 $W'\{0\}$

expression $(W(' ()))$
 value $(0.)$

$W'\{1\}$

expression $(W(' (1)))$
 value (0.0)

$W'\{2\}$

```
expression (W('11'))  
value      (0.00)
```

W'{3}

```
expression (W('111'))  
value      (0.000)
```

W'{4}

```
expression (W('1111'))  
value      (0.0000)
```

W'{5}

```
expression (W('11111'))  
value      (0.00000)
```

W'{6}

```
expression (W('111111'))  
value      (0.000000)
```

[Programs are now one 7-bit ASCII character.]

W'{7}

```
expression (W('1111111'))  
value      (0.1001001)
```

W'{8}

```
expression (W('11111111'))  
value      (0.10010100)
```

W'{9}

```
expression (W('111111111'))  
value      (0.100101000)
```

W'{10}

expression (W('1111111111'))
value (0.1001010000)

W'{11}

expression (W('1111111111'))
value (0.10010100000)

W'{12}

expression (W('1111111111'))
value (0.100101000000)

W'{13}

expression (W('1111111111'))
value (0.1001010000000)

[Programs are now two 7-bit ASCII characters.]

W'{14}

expression (W('1111111111'))
value (0.10100000111100)

W'{15}

expression (W('1111111111'))
value (0.101000010001000)

W'{16}

expression (W('1111111111'))
value (0.1010000100010000)

W'{17}

expression (W('1111111111'))

value (0.10100001000100000)

W'{18}

expression (W('111111111111111111))

value (0.1010000100010000000)

W'{19}

expression (W('111111111111111111))

value (0.10100001000100000000)

W'{20}

expression (W('111111111111111111))

value (0.101000010001000000000)

[Programs are now three 7-bit ASCII characters.]

W'{21}

expression (W('111111111111111111))

value (0.101001001011001101110)

W'{22}

expression (W('111111111111111111))

value (0.1010010011000111110100)

[At this point we run out of memory, even with 512 megabytes of lisp storage. The solution is either more storage, or a much more complicated lisp interpreter with garbage collection. We will never reach the first program that loops forever. The smallest example I know is `:(f)f f` which is 6 characters = 42 bits.]

[

W'{23}

]

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The Limits of Mathematics

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 5170 seconds.

omega2.l

```
[[[
  Show that  $H(\Omega_n) > n - 1883$ .
   $\Omega_n$  is the first  $n$  bits of  $\Omega$ .
]]]

[First test new stuff]

[<= for fractional binary numbers, i.e., is  $0.x \leq 0.y$  ?]
& (<xy) /.x 1
    /.y <x'(0)
    /=+x+y <-x-y
    +y
<'(000)'(000)
<'(000)'(001)
<'(001)'(000)
<'(001)'(001)
<'(110)'(110)
<'(110)'(111)
<'(111)'(110)
<'(111)'(111)
<'()' '(000)
<'()' '(001)
<'(000)' ()
<'(001)' ()

[Now run it all!]

++?0'!% [ Universal binary computer U ]
```

```

[ Put together program for U :]

^#~'    [ Show prefix prepended to program for first n bits of Omega ]
        [ so that we can see how many bits long the prepended prefix is.]

"(      [ begin literally ]

[S = sum of three bits]
:(Sxyz) =x=yz
[C = carry of three bits]
:(Cxyz) /x/y1z/yz0
[A = addition of reversed binary x and y]
[c = carryin]
:(Axc) /.x /.y /c'(1)() A'(0)yc
        /.y Ax'(0)c
        * S+x+yc A-x-yC+x+yc
[Pad x to length k on right and reverse]
:(Rxk) /.x/.k() *ORx-k ^ R-x-k *+x()
[W = lower bound on Omega obtained by
  running all n-bit programs for time n]
:(Vkp) /.k /.+?n'!%p () '(1)
        A V-k*Op V-k*1p 0
:(Wn) [[[*0*".]]]R Vn() n  [No "0." in front]

[<= for fractional binary numbers, i.e., is 0.x <= 0.y ?]
:(<xy) /.x 1
        /.y <x'(0)
        /+=x+y <-x-y
        +y

[List of all output of all n-bit programs p within time k.]
[ k is implicit argument.]
: (Bnp) /.n :v?k'!%p /.+v() +v
        [[ ^ B-n*Op B-n*1p [wrong order] ]]
        ^ B-n^p'(0) B-n^p'(1) [right order] [[[ELIMINATE DUPLICATES???\]]]

:w !%      [Read and execute from remainder of tape
            a program to compute an n-bit
            initial piece of Omega.]

```

```

                                IMPORTANT:  If Omega = .???1000000...
                                here must take Omega = .???0111111...
                                I.e., w = first n bits of the latter
                                binary representation.]
:(Lk)      [Main Loop]
      :x      Wk      [Compute the kth lower bound on Omega]
      /<wx    Bw()    [Are the first n bits OK?  I.e, is w <= x ? ]
                                [If so, form the list of all output of n-bit
                                programs within time k, output it, and halt.
                                This is bigger than anything of complexity
                                less than or equal to n!]
[I.e., this total output Bw() will be bigger than each individual output,
and therefore must come from a program with more than n bits.
Hence the size in bits of this prefix (= 1883) + the size in
bits of any program for the first n bits of Omega must be
greater than n.  Hence H(Omega_n) > n - 1883!
]
      L*1k      [If first n bits not OK, bump k and loop.]

L()      [Start main loop running with k initially zero.]

)      [end literally]

#'      [Above prefix in binary is prepended to a
        program for U to compute the first n bits of Omega.]
"      [begin literally]

[[[ Program to compute the first n bits of Omega: ]]]
[Cheat: test with the 7 bit approximation to Omega!]
[(Could also test this with 14 bit and 21 bit Omega approximations)]
[(Hence n = 7, and final output will have complexity greater than 7.)]
'(1001001)

)      [end literally]

```


omega2.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  Show that  $H(\Omega_n) > n - 1883$ .
   $\Omega_n$  is the first  $n$  bits of  $\Omega$ .
]]]
```

[First test new stuff]

[<= for fractional binary numbers, i.e., is $0.x \leq 0.y$?]

```
& (<xy) /.x 1
    /.y <x'(0)
    /=+x+y <-x-y
    +y
```

```
<:      (&(xy) (/ (.x) 1) (/ (.y) (<x'(0))) (/ (= (+x) (+y)) (<(-x) (-
y)) (+y)))))
```

```
<'(000)'(000)
```

```
expression (<(' (000)) (' (000)))
value      1
```

```
<'(000)'(001)
```

```
expression (<(' (000)) (' (001)))
```

value 1

<'(001) '(000)

expression (<(' (001)) (' (000)))

value 0

<'(001) '(001)

expression (<(' (001)) (' (001)))

value 1

<'(110) '(110)

expression (<(' (110)) (' (110)))

value 1

<'(110) '(111)

expression (<(' (110)) (' (111)))

value 1

<'(111) '(110)

expression (<(' (111)) (' (110)))

value 0

<'(111) '(111)

expression (<(' (111)) (' (111)))

value 1

<'() '(000)

expression (<(' ()) (' (000)))

value 1

<'() '(001)

```
expression (<('()))(' (001)))
value      1
```

```
<' (000) ' ()
```

```
expression (<(' (000)) (' ()))
value      1
```

```
<' (001) ' ()
```

```
expression (<(' (001)) (' ()))
value      0
```

```
[Now run it all!]
```

```
++?0'!% [ Universal binary computer U ]
         [ Put together program for U :]
```

```
^#~' [ Show prefix prepended to program for first n bits of Omega ]
      [ so that we can see how many bits long the prepended prefix is.]
```

```
"( [ begin literally ]
```

```
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:(Axyz) /.x /.y /c'(1)() A'(0)yc
        /.y Ax'(0)c
        * S+x+yc A-x-yC+x+yc
[Pad x to length k on right and reverse]
:(Rkx) /.x/.k() *0Rx-k ^ R-x-k *+x()
[W = lower bound on Omega obtained by
  running all n-bit programs for time n]
:(Vkp) /.k /.+?n'!%p () '(1)
        A V-k*0p V-k*1p 0
```

```

:(Wn) [[[*O*".]]]R Vn() n  [No "0." in front]

[<= for fractional binary numbers, i.e., is 0.x <= 0.y ?]
:(<xy) /.x 1
      /.y <x'(0)
      /=+x+y <-x-y
      +y

[List of all output of all n-bit programs p within time k.]
[ k is implicit argument.]
: (Bnp) /.n :v?k'!%p /.+v() +v
      [[ ^ B-n*0p B-n*1p [wrong order] ]]
      ^ B-n^p'(0) B-n^p'(1) [right order] [[[[ELIMINATE DUPLICATES???)]]]

:w !%           [Read and execute from remainder of tape
                  a program to compute an n-bit
                  initial piece of Omega.
                  IMPORTANT: If Omega = .???1000000...
                  here must take Omega = .???0111111...
                  I.e., w = first n bits of the latter
                  binary representation.]

:(Lk)           [Main Loop]
  :x      Wk     [Compute the kth lower bound on Omega]
  /<wx    Bw()   [Are the first n bits OK? I.e, is w <= x ? ]
                [If so, form the list of all output of n-bit
                programs within time k, output it, and halt.
                This is bigger than anything of complexity
                less than or equal to n!]

[I.e., this total output Bw() will be bigger than each individual output,
and therefore must come from a program with more than n bits.
Hence the size in bits of this prefix (= 1883) + the size in
bits of any program for the first n bits of Omega must be
greater than n. Hence H(Omega_n) > n - 1883!
]
  L*1k          [If first n bits not OK, bump k and loop.]

L()             [Start main loop running with k initially zero.]

)              [end literally]

```



```

#'          [Above prefix in binary is prepended to a
            program for U to compute the first n bits of Omega.]
"("        [begin literally]

[[[ Program to compute the first n bits of Omega: ]]]
[Cheat: test with the 7 bit approximation to Omega!]
[(Could also test this with 14 bit and 21 bit Omega approximations)]
[(Hence n = 7, and final output will have complexity greater than 7.)]
'(1001001)

)          [end literally]

expression (+(+(?0('(!(%)))^(#(~('(:Sxyz)=x=yz:(Cxyz)/x/y1z
/yz0:(Axyz)/.x/.y/c'(1)()A'(0)yc/.yAx'(0)c*S+x+ycA
-x-yC+x+yc:(Rxk)/.x/.k()*ORx-k^R-x-k*x(): (Vkp)/.k
/+.?n'!%p()') (1)AV-k*OpV-k*1p0:(Wn)RVn()n:(<xy)/.x1
/.y<x'(0)/=+x+y<-x-y+y:(Bnp)/.n:v?k'!%p/.+v()+v^B-
n^p'(0)B-n^p'(1):w!%:(Lk):xWk/<wxBw()L*1kL())))(#
('(' (1001001)))))))))

show      (: (Sxyz)=x=yz:(Cxyz)/x/y1z/yz0:(Axyz)/.x/.y/c'(1)()
)A'(0)yc/.yAx'(0)c*S+x+ycA-x-yC+x+yc:(Rxk)/.x/.k()
*ORx-k^R-x-k*x(): (Vkp)/.k/+.?n'!%p()') (1)AV-k*OpV-
k*1p0:(Wn)RVn()n:(<xy)/.x1/.y<x'(0)/=+x+y<-x-y+y:(
Bnp)/.n:v?k'!%p/.+v()+v^B-n^p'(0)B-n^p'(1):w!%:(Lk
):xWk/<wxBw()L*1kL())

size      269(415)/1883(3533)
value     ($()0123456789;<>ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ\]_ 'abc
defghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz|})

```

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

sets0.1

```
[[[
  Test basic (finite) set functions.
]]]

[Set membership predicate; is e in set s?]
& (Mes) /.s0 /=e+s1 Me-s
Mx'(12345xabcde)
Mq'(12345xabcde)
[Eliminate duplicate elements from set s]
& (Ds) /.s() /M+s-s D-s *+sD-s
D'(1234512345abcde)
DD'(1234512345abcde)
[Set union]
& (Uxy) /.xy /M+xy U-xy *+xU-xy
U'(12345abcde)'(abcde67890)
[Set intersection]
& (Ixy) /.x() /M+xy *+xI-xy I-xy
I'(12345abcde)'(abcde67890)
[Subtract set y from set x]
& (Sxy) /.x() /M+xy S-xy *+xS-xy
S'(12345abcde)'(abcde67890)
[Identity function that displays a set of elements]
& (Os) /.s() *,+s0-s
O'(12345abcde)
[Combine two bit strings by interleaving them]
& (Cxy) /.xy /.yx *+x*+yC-x-y
C'(0000000000)'(11111111111111111111)
```


sets0.r

lisp.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  Test basic (finite) set functions.
]]]
```

```
[Set membership predicate; is e in set s?]
& (Mes) /.s0 /=e+s1 Me-s
```

```
M:      (&(es)(/ (.s) 0 (/ (=e(+s)) 1 (Me(-s)))))
```

```
Mx'(12345xabcde)
```

```
expression (Mx(' (12345xabcde)))
value      1
```

```
Mq'(12345xabcde)
```

```
expression (Mq(' (12345xabcde)))
value      0
```

```
[Eliminate duplicate elements from set s]
& (Ds) /.s() /M+s-s D-s *+sD-s
```

```
D:      (&(s)(/ (.s) () (/ (M(+s) (-s)) (D(-s)) (* (+s) (D(-s)))))
```

```
D'(1234512345abcde)
```

expression (D(' (1234512345abcde)))
 value (12345abcde)

DD' (1234512345abcde)

expression (D(D(' (1234512345abcde))))
 value (12345abcde)

[Set union]
 $\& (Uxy) /.xy /M+xy U-xy *+xU-xy$

U: $(\&(xy) (/ (.x)y (/ (M(+x)y) (U(-x)y) (* (+x) (U(-x)y))))))$

U' (12345abcde)' (abcde67890)

expression (U(' (12345abcde)) (' (abcde67890)))
 value (12345abcde67890)

[Set intersection]
 $\& (Ixy) /.x() /M+xy *+xI-xy I-xy$

I: $(\&(xy) (/ (.x)() (/ (M(+x)y) (* (+x) (I(-x)y)) (I(-x)y))))$

I' (12345abcde)' (abcde67890)

expression (I(' (12345abcde)) (' (abcde67890)))
 value (abcde)

[Subtract set y from set x]
 $\& (Sxy) /.x() /M+xy S-xy *+xS-xy$

S: $(\&(xy) (/ (.x)() (/ (M(+x)y) (S(-x)y) (* (+x) (S(-x)y))))))$

S' (12345abcde)' (abcde67890)

expression (S(' (12345abcde)) (' (abcde67890)))
 value (12345)

[Identity function that displays a set of elements]
 & (0s) /.s() *,+s0-s

0: (&(s)/(.s)()(*(, (+s))(0(-s))))

0'(12345abcde)

expression (0'(12345abcde))

display 1

display 2

display 3

display 4

display 5

display a

display b

display c

display d

display e

value (12345abcde)

[Combine two bit strings by interleaving them]

& (Cxy) /.xy /.yx *+x*+yC-x-y

C: (&(xy)/(.x)y(/(.y)x(*(+x)(*+y)(C(-x)(-y))))))

C'(0000000000)'(11111111111111111111)

expression (C'(0000000000))('11111111111111111111))

value (01010101010101010101011111111111)

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

sets1.l

```
[[[
  Show that
     $H(X \text{ set-union } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799$ 
  and that
     $H(X \text{ set-intersection } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799.$ 
  Here X and Y are INFINITE sets.
]]]

[Combine two bit strings by interleaving them]
& (Cxy) /.xy /.yx *+x*+yC-x-y

& (Dl) /.l"? ('&(xy)x D-l ,+l) [Display list in reverse]

D-
[[[+]]]?0'!%

^#~'"( [begin literally]

[Package of set functions from sets0.l]
: (Mes) /.s0 /=e+s1 Me-s
: (Ds) /.s() /M+s-s D-s *+sD-s
: (Uxy) /.xy /M+xy U-xy *+xU-xy
: (Ixy) /.x() /M+xy *+xI-xy I-xy
: (Sxy) /.x() /M+xy S-xy *+xS-xy
: (Os) /.s() *,+s0-s
[Main Loop:
  o is set of elements output so far.
  For first set,
  t is depth limit (time), b is bits read so far.
```

```

For second set,
u is depth limit (time), c is bits read so far.
]
: (Lotbuc)
: v      ?t'!%b      [Run 1st computation again.]
: w      ?u'!%c      [Run 2nd computation again.]
: x      U-v-w       [Form UNION of sets so far]
: y      OSxo        [Output all new elements]
[This is an infinite loop. But to make debugging easier,
 halt if BOTH computations have halted.]
/ /=0.+v /=0.+w 100 "?"
[Bump everything before branching to head of loop]
L x      [Value of y is discarded, x is new o]
  /= "+v *1t      t  [Increment time for 1st computation]
  /= "!+v ^b*@() b  [Increment tape for 1st computation]
  /= "+w *1u      u  [Increment time for 2nd computation]
  /= "!+w ^c*@() c  [Increment tape for 2nd computation]

L()()()()()      [Initially all 5 induction variables
                  are empty.]
)
[end literally]

C      [Combine their bits in order needed]
      [Wrong order if programs use @ or %]
#" ( *,a*,b*,c0 ) [Program to enumerate 1st FINITE set]
#" ( *,b*,c*,d0 ) [Program to enumerate 2nd FINITE set]

```

sets1.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  Show that
     $H(X \text{ set-union } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799$ 
  and that
     $H(X \text{ set-intersection } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799.$ 
  Here X and Y are INFINITE sets.
]]]
```

```
[Combine two bit strings by interleaving them]
& (Cxy) /.xy /.yx *+x*+yC-x-y
```

```
C:      (&(xy)((/.x)y(/(.y)x(*(+x)(*+y)(C(-x)(-y))))))
```

```
& (Dl) /.l"? ('&(xy)x D-1 ,+1) [Display list in reverse]
```

```
D:      (&(l)((/.l)?(('&(xy)x)(D(-1))(, (+1))))
```

```
D-
[[[++]?0'!%
```

```
^#~'"( [begin literally]
```

```
[Package of set functions from sets0.1]
```

```

: (Mes) /.s0 /=e+s1 Me-s
: (Ds) /.s() /M+s-s D-s ++sD-s
: (Uxy) /.xy /M+xy U-xy ++xU-xy
: (Ixy) /.x() /M+xy ++xI-xy I-xy
: (Sxy) /.x() /M+xy S-xy ++xS-xy
: (Os) /.s() *,+s0-s
[Main Loop:
  o is set of elements output so far.
  For first set,
  t is depth limit (time), b is bits read so far.
  For second set,
  u is depth limit (time), c is bits read so far.
]
: (Lotbuc)
: v      ?t'!%b      [Run 1st computation again.]
: w      ?u'!%c      [Run 2nd computation again.]
: x      U-v-w       [Form UNION of sets so far]
: y      OSxo        [Output all new elements]
[This is an infinite loop. But to make debugging easier,
 halt if BOTH computations have halted.]
/ /=0.+v /=0.+w 100 "?"
[Bump everything before branching to head of loop]
L x      [Value of y is discarded, x is new o]
  /= "?+v *1t      t  [Increment time for 1st computation]
  /= "!+v ^b*@() b  [Increment tape for 1st computation]
  /= "?+w *1u      u  [Increment time for 2nd computation]
  /= "!+w ^c*@() c  [Increment tape for 2nd computation]

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                  are empty.]
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#" ( *,a*,b*,c0 ) [Program to enumerate 1st FINITE set]
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expression (D(-( ?0('(!(%))) )^(#(~('(: (Mes)/.s0/=e+s1Me-s: (Ds)
              /.s()/M+s-sD-s-s++sD-s: (Uxy)/.xy/M+xyU-xy++xU-xy: (Ix

```

```

y)/.x()/M+xy*+xI-xyI-xy:(Sxy)/.x()/M+xyS-xy*+xS-xy
:(0s)/.s()*,+s0-s:(Lotbuc):v?t'!%b:w?u'!%c:xU-v-w:
y0Sxo//=0.+v/=0.+w100"?Lx/="?+v*1tt/="!+v^b*@()b/=
"?+w*1uu/="!+w^c*@()cL()()()()())(C(#('(*,a*,b*
,c0)))(#('(*,b*,c*,d0)))))
show      (: (Mes)/.s0/=e+s1Me-s:(Ds)/.s()/M+s-sD-s*+sD-s:(Ux
y)/.xy/M+xyU-xy*+xU-xy:(Ixy)/.x()/M+xy*+xI-xyI-xy:
(Sxy)/.x()/M+xyS-xy*+xS-xy:(0s)/.s()*,+s0-s:(Lotbu
c):v?t'!%b:w?u'!%c:xU-v-w:y0Sxo//=0.+v/=0.+w100"?L
x/="?+v*1tt/="!+v^b*@()b/="?+w*1uu/="!+w^c*@()cL()
()()()())
size      257(401)/1799(3407)
display   a
display   d
display   c
display   b
value     ?

```

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

sets2.1

```
[[[
  Show that
     $H(X \text{ set-union } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799$ 
  and that
     $H(X \text{ set-intersection } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799.$ 
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[Combine two bit strings by interleaving them]
& (Cxy) /.xy /.yx *+x*+yC-x-y

& (Dl) /.l"? ('&(xy)x D-l ,+l) [Display list in reverse]

D-
[[[+]]]?0'!%

^#~'"( [begin literally]

[Package of set functions from sets0.1]
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: (Ds) /.s() /M+s-s D-s *+sD-s
: (Uxy) /.xy /M+xy U-xy *+xU-xy
: (Ixy) /.x() /M+xy *+xI-xy I-xy
: (Sxy) /.x() /M+xy S-xy *+xS-xy
: (Os) /.s() *,+s0-s
[Main Loop:
  o is set of elements output so far.
  For first set,
  t is depth limit (time), b is bits read so far.
```

```

For second set,
u is depth limit (time), c is bits read so far.
]
: (Lotbuc)
: v      ?t'!%b      [Run 1st computation again.]
: w      ?u'!%c      [Run 2nd computation again.]
: x      I-v-w       [Form INTERSECTION of sets so far]
: y      OSxo        [Output all new elements]
[This is an infinite loop. But to make debugging easier,
 halt if EITHER computation has halted.]
/ /=0.+v1 /=0.+w1 0 "?"
[Bump everything before branching to head of loop]
L x      [Value of y is discarded, x is new o]
  /= "+v *1t      t  [Increment time for 1st computation]
  /= "!+v ^b*@() b  [Increment tape for 1st computation]
  /= "+w *1u      u  [Increment time for 2nd computation]
  /= "!+w ^c*@() c  [Increment tape for 2nd computation]

L()()()()()      [Initially all 5 induction variables
                  are empty.]
)
[end literally]

C      [Combine their bits in order needed]
      [Wrong order if programs use @ or %]
#" ( *,a*,b*,c0 ) [Program to enumerate 1st FINITE set]
#" ( *,b*,c*,d0 ) [Program to enumerate 2nd FINITE set]

```


sets2.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  Show that
     $H(X \text{ set-union } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799$ 
  and that
     $H(X \text{ set-intersection } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799.$ 
  Here X and Y are INFINITE sets.
]]]
```

```
[Combine two bit strings by interleaving them]
& (Cxy) /.xy /.yx *+x*+yC-x-y
```

```
C:      (&(xy)((/.x)y(/(.y)x(*(+x)(*+y)(C(-x)(-y))))))
```

```
& (Dl) /.l"? ('&(xy)x D-l ,+l) [Display list in reverse]
```

```
D:      (&(l)((/.l)?(('&(xy)x)(D(-l))(, (+l))))
```

```
D-
[[[++]?0'!%
```

```
^#~'"( [begin literally]
```

```
[Package of set functions from sets0.1]
```

```

: (Mes) /.s0 /=e+s1 Me-s
: (Ds) /.s() /M+s-s D-s ++sD-s
: (Uxy) /.xy /M+xy U-xy ++xU-xy
: (Ixy) /.x() /M+xy ++xI-xy I-xy
: (Sxy) /.x() /M+xy S-xy ++xS-xy
: (Os) /.s() *,+s0-s
[Main Loop:
  o is set of elements output so far.
  For first set,
  t is depth limit (time), b is bits read so far.
  For second set,
  u is depth limit (time), c is bits read so far.
]
: (Lotbuc)
: v      ?t'!%b      [Run 1st computation again.]
: w      ?u'!%c      [Run 2nd computation again.]
: x      I-v-w       [Form INTERSECTION of sets so far]
: y      OSxo        [Output all new elements]
[This is an infinite loop. But to make debugging easier,
  halt if EITHER computation has halted.]
/ /=0.+v1 /=0.+w1 0 "?"
[Bump everything before branching to head of loop]
L x      [Value of y is discarded, x is new o]
  /= "?+v *1t      t  [Increment time for 1st computation]
  /= "!+v ^b*@() b  [Increment tape for 1st computation]
  /= "?+w *1u      u  [Increment time for 2nd computation]
  /= "!+w ^c*@() c  [Increment tape for 2nd computation]

L()()()()()      [Initially all 5 induction variables
                  are empty.]
)                [end literally]

C                [Combine their bits in order needed]
                [Wrong order if programs use @ or %]
#" ( *,a*,b*,c0 ) [Program to enumerate 1st FINITE set]
#" ( *,b*,c*,d0 ) [Program to enumerate 2nd FINITE set]

expression (D(-(?(('(!(%))))^(#(~('(: (Mes)/.s0/=e+s1Me-s: (Ds)
              /.s()/M+s-sD-s-s++sD-s: (Uxy)/.xy/M+xyU-xy++xU-xy: (Ix

```

```

y)/.x()/M+xy*+xI-xyI-xy:(Sxy)/.x()/M+xyS-xy*+xS-xy
:(0s)/.s()*,+s0-s:(Lotbuc):v?t'!%b:w?u'!%c:xI-v-w:
y0Sxo//=0.+v1/=0.+w10"?Lx/="?+v*1tt/="!+v^b*@()b/=
"?+w*1uu/="!+w^c*@()cL()()()()())(C(#('(*,a*,b*
,c0)))(#('(*,b*,c*,d0)))))
show      (: (Mes)/.s0/=e+s1Me-s:(Ds)/.s()/M+s-sD-s*+sD-s:(Ux
y)/.xy/M+xyU-xy*+xU-xy:(Ixy)/.x()/M+xy*+xI-xyI-xy:
(Sxy)/.x()/M+xyS-xy*+xS-xy:(0s)/.s()*,+s0-s:(Lotbu
c):v?t'!%b:w?u'!%c:xI-v-w:y0Sxo//=0.+v1/=0.+w10"?L
x/="?+v*1tt/="!+v^b*@()b/="?+w*1uu/="!+w^c*@()cL()
()()()())
size      257(401)/1799(3407)
display   c
display   b
value     ?

```

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

sets3.1

```

[[[
  Show that
     $H(X \text{ set-union } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799$ 
  and that
     $H(X \text{ set-intersection } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799.$ 
  Here X and Y are INFINITE sets.
]]]

[IMPORTANT: This test case never halts, so] [<====!!!]
[must run this with a depth limit on try/?]

[Combine two bit strings by interleaving them]
& (Cxy) /.xy /.yx *+x*+yC-x-y

& (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk [reverse binary to unary]

& (Dl) /.l"? ('&(xy)x D-l ,+l) [display list in reverse]

D-
[[[++] ]?2'(000 000 001 1)'!% [ 768 base 10 = 1400 base 8 ]

^#'"( [begin literally]

[Package of set functions from sets0.1]
: (Mes) /.s0 /=e+s1 Me-s
: (Ds) /.s() /M+s-s D-s *+sD-s
: (Uxy) /.xy /M+xy U-xy *+xU-xy
: (Ixy) /.x() /M+xy *+xI-xy I-xy
: (Sxy) /.x() /M+xy S-xy *+xS-xy

```

```

: (0s) /.s() *,+s0-s
[Main Loop:
  o is set of elements output so far.
  For first set,
  t is depth limit (time), b is bits read so far.
  For second set,
  u is depth limit (time), c is bits read so far.
]
: (Lotbuc)
: v      ?t'!%b      [Run 1st computation again.]
: w      ?u'!%c      [Run 2nd computation again.]
: x      I-v-w       [Form INTERSECTION of sets so far]
: y      OSxo        [Output all new elements]
[This is an infinite loop. But to make debugging easier,
  halt if EITHER computation has halted.]
/ /=0.+v1 /=0.+w1 0 "?"
[Bump everything before branching to head of loop]
L x      [Value of y is discarded, x is new o]
  /= "?+v *1t      t [Increment time for 1st computation]
  /= "!+v ^b*@() b [Increment tape for 1st computation]
  /= "?+w *1u      u [Increment time for 2nd computation]
  /= "!+w ^c*@() c [Increment tape for 2nd computation]

L()()()()()      [Initially all 5 induction variables
                  are empty.]
)                  [end literally]

C                  [Combine their bits in order needed]
                  [Wrong order if programs use @ or %]
                  [Program to enumerate 1st INFINITE set]
#'"( : (Lk)L,*1*1k L() )
                  [Program to enumerate 2nd INFINITE set]
#'"( : (Lk)L,*1*1*1k L() )

```

sets3.r

lisp.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  Show that
     $H(X \text{ set-union } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799$ 
  and that
     $H(X \text{ set-intersection } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799.$ 
  Here X and Y are INFINITE sets.
]]]
```

```
[IMPORTANT: This test case never halts, so] [<====!!!]
[must run this with a depth limit on try/?]
```

```
[Combine two bit strings by interleaving them]
& (Cxy) /.xy /.yx *+x*+yC-x-y
```

```
C:      (&(xy)((/.x)y(/(.y)x(*(+x)(*+y)(C(-x)(-y))))))
```

```
& (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk [reverse binary to unary]
```

```
2:      (&(n)((/.n)())(('(&(k)((/+n)(*1(^kk))(^kk))))(2(-n)
      )))
```

```
& (D1) /.1"? ('&(xy)x D-1 ,+1) [display list in reverse]
```

D: (&(1)((/.1)?((('(&(xy)x))(D(-1))((,+1))))))

D-

[[[++]]]?2'(000 000 001 1)'!% [768 base 10 = 1400 base 8]

^#'"([begin literally]

[Package of set functions from sets0.1]

: (Mes) /.s0 /=e+s1 Me-s

: (Ds) /.s() /M+s-s D-s *+sD-s

: (Uxy) /.xy /M+xy U-xy *+xU-xy

: (Ixy) /.x() /M+xy *+xI-xy I-xy

: (Sxy) /.x() /M+xy S-xy *+xS-xy

: (Os) /.s() *,+s0-s

[Main Loop:

o is set of elements output so far.

For first set,

t is depth limit (time), b is bits read so far.

For second set,

u is depth limit (time), c is bits read so far.

]

: (Lotbuc)

: v ?t'!%b [Run 1st computation again.]

: w ?u'!%c [Run 2nd computation again.]

: x I-v-w [Form INTERSECTION of sets so far]

: y OSxo [Output all new elements]

[This is an infinite loop. But to make debugging easier,
halt if EITHER computation has halted.]

/ /=0.+v1 /=0.+w1 0 "?

[Bump everything before branching to head of loop]

L x [Value of y is discarded, x is new o]

 /="?+v *1t t [Increment time for 1st computation]

 /="!+v ^b*@() b [Increment tape for 1st computation]

 /="?+w *1u u [Increment time for 2nd computation]

 /="!+w ^c*@() c [Increment tape for 2nd computation]

L()()()()()

[Initially all 5 induction variables
are empty.]

[illegible]

sets4.1

```
[[[
  Show that
     $H(X \text{ set-union } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799$ 
  and that
     $H(X \text{ set-intersection } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799.$ 
  Here X and Y are INFINITE sets.
]]]

[IMPORTANT: This test case never halts, so] [<====!!!]
[must run this with a depth limit on try/?]

[Combine two bit strings by interleaving them]
& (Cxy) /.xy /.yx *+x*+yC-x-y

& (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk [reverse binary to unary]

& (Dl) /.l"? ('&(xy)x D-l ,+l) [display list in reverse]

D-
[[[++]?2'(000 000 110 1)'!% [ 704 base 10 = 1300 base 8 ]

^#'"( [begin literally]

[Package of set functions from sets0.1]
: (Mes) /.s0 /=e+s1 Me-s
: (Ds) /.s() /M+s-s D-s *+sD-s
: (Uxy) /.xy /M+xy U-xy *+xU-xy
: (Ixy) /.x() /M+xy *+xI-xy I-xy
: (Sxy) /.x() /M+xy S-xy *+xS-xy
```

```

: (0s) /.s() *,+s0-s
[Main Loop:
  o is set of elements output so far.
  For first set,
  t is depth limit (time), b is bits read so far.
  For second set,
  u is depth limit (time), c is bits read so far.
]
: (Lotbuc)
: v      ?t'!%b      [Run 1st computation again.]
: w      ?u'!%c      [Run 2nd computation again.]
: x      U-v-w       [Form UNION of sets so far]
: y      OSxo        [Output all new elements]
[This is an infinite loop. But to make debugging easier,
 halt if BOTH computations have halted.]
/ /=0.+v /=0.+w 100 "?"
[Bump everything before branching to head of loop]
L x      [Value of y is discarded, x is new o]
  /= "+v *1t      t  [Increment time for 1st computation]
  /= "!+v ^b*@() b  [Increment tape for 1st computation]
  /= "+w *1u      u  [Increment time for 2nd computation]
  /= "!+w ^c*@() c  [Increment tape for 2nd computation]

L()()()()()      [Initially all 5 induction variables
                  are empty.]
)                  [end literally]

C                  [Combine their bits in order needed]
                  [Wrong order if programs use @ or %]
                  [Program to enumerate 1st INFINITE set]
#'"( : (Lk)L,*1*1k L() )
                  [Program to enumerate 2nd INFINITE set]
#'"( : (Lk)L,*2*2*2k L() )

```

sets4.r

lisp.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  Show that
     $H(X \text{ set-union } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799$ 
  and that
     $H(X \text{ set-intersection } Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y) + 1799.$ 
  Here X and Y are INFINITE sets.
]]]
```

[IMPORTANT: This test case never halts, so] [<====!!!]
[must run this with a depth limit on try/?]

[Combine two bit strings by interleaving them]
& (Cxy) /.xy /.yx *+x*+yC-x-y

C: (&(xy)/(.x)y/(.y)x*(+x)*(+y)(C(-x)(-y))))))

& (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk [reverse binary to unary]

2: (&(n)/(.n)())(('(&(k)/(+n)(*1(^kk))(^kk))))(2(-n)
)))))

& (D1) /.1"? ('&(xy)x D-1 ,+1) [display list in reverse]

D: (&(1)((/.1)?((('(&(xy)x))(D(-1))((,+1))))))

D-

[[[++]]]?2'(000 000 110 1)'!% [704 base 10 = 1300 base 8]

^#'"([begin literally]

[Package of set functions from sets0.1]

: (Mes) /.s0 /=e+s1 Me-s

: (Ds) /.s() /M+s-s D-s *+sD-s

: (Uxy) /.xy /M+xy U-xy *+xU-xy

: (Ixy) /.x() /M+xy *+xI-xy I-xy

: (Sxy) /.x() /M+xy S-xy *+xS-xy

: (Os) /.s() *,+s0-s

[Main Loop:

o is set of elements output so far.

For first set,

t is depth limit (time), b is bits read so far.

For second set,

u is depth limit (time), c is bits read so far.

]

: (Lotbuc)

: v ?t'!%b [Run 1st computation again.]

: w ?u'!%c [Run 2nd computation again.]

: x U-v-w [Form UNION of sets so far]

: y OSxo [Output all new elements]

[This is an infinite loop. But to make debugging easier,
halt if BOTH computations have halted.]

/ /=0.+v /=0.+w 100 "?

[Bump everything before branching to head of loop]

L x [Value of y is discarded, x is new o]

 /="?+v *1t t [Increment time for 1st computation]

 /="!+v ^b*@() b [Increment tape for 1st computation]

 /="?+w *1u u [Increment time for 2nd computation]

 /="!+w ^c*@() c [Increment tape for 2nd computation]

L()()()()()

[Initially all 5 induction variables
are empty.]

[illegible]

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

godel.l

```
[[[
  Show that a formal system of complexity N
  can't prove that a specific object has
  complexity > N + 994.
  Formal system is a never halting lisp expression
  that displays pairs (lisp object, lower bound
  on its complexity).  E.g., (x(1111)) means
  that x has complexity H(x) greater than or equal to 4.
]]]

[ (<xy) tells if x is less than y ]
& (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y
<'(11)')(11)
<'(11)')(111)
<'(111)')(11)

[ Search list p for first s in pair (s,m) with H(s) >= m > n ]
[ (Returns 0/false to indicate not found.) ]
& (Epn) /.p 0 /<n+~+p ++p E-pn
E'((x(11))(y(111)))'()
E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(1)
E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(11)
E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(111)
E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(1111)

++?0'!%  [[Universal binary computer U]]
          [[Put together program for U:]]
^#~'      [[Show crucial prefix so can size it]]
"(        [[begin literally]]
```

```

[ (<xy) tells if x is less than y ]
: (<xy) /.y1 /.x1 <-x-y      [[ BAD DEFINITION!!! ALWAYS TRUE ]]

[ Search list p for first s in pair (s,m) with H(s) >= m > n ]
[ (Returns 0/false to indicate not found.) ]
: (Epn) /.p 0 /<n+~p ++p E-pn

[ (2n) = convert reversed binary to unary ]
: (2n) /.n() :k2~n /+n *1^kk ^kk

[ k is the size in bits of this program for U, ]
[ excluding the bits in the formal axiomatic system. ]
: k 2'(010 001 111 1) [k = 994 base 10 = 1742 base 8]

[Main Loop - t is depth limit (time),
                b is bits of FAS read so far (buffer)]
: (Ltb)
: v ?t'!%b [run FAS for time t]
: s E-v^kb [look for s-exp s that is proved to have complexity H(s)
            > 994 + # of bits of FAS read]
/s s      [Found it! Output it and halt]
          [Contradiction: our value has complexity
            greater than our size!]
          [Our size is 994 bits + the number of bits of
            the FAS that were read at the point that the
            search succeeded (some bits of the FAS may be
            unread).]
/="!+v Lt^b*@() [Read another bit of FAS]
/="?+v L*1tb     [Increase depth/time limit]
"?      [Surprise, formal system halts, so we do too]

L()()      [Initially, 0 depth limit and no bits read]

)          [[end literally]]

#'
"(        [[begin literally]]

```

```
[[This is the FAS]]  
, '((xy)(11))  [FAS = {"H((xy)) >= 2"}]  
  
)      [[end literally]]
```


godel.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  Show that a formal system of complexity N
  can't prove that a specific object has
  complexity > N + 994.
  Formal system is a never halting lisp expression
  that displays pairs (lisp object, lower bound
  on its complexity). E.g., (x(1111)) means
  that x has complexity H(x) greater than or equal to 4.
]]]
```

```
[ (<xy) tells if x is less than y ]
& (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y
```

```
<:      (&(xy)(/(<.y)0(/(<.x)1(<(-x)(-y)))))
```

```
<'(11)')(11)
```

```
expression (<('(11))('(11)))
value      0
```

```
<'(11)')(111)
```

```
expression (<('(11))('(111)))
value      1
```

<'(111)')(11)

expression (<'(111))(' (11)))
value 0

[Search list p for first s in pair (s,m) with H(s) >= m > n]
[(Returns 0/false to indicate not found.)]
& (Epn) /.p 0 /<n+--p ++p E-pn

E: (&(pn)(/ (.p) 0 (/ (<n (+ (- (+p)))) (+ (+p)) (E (-p)n))))

E'((x(11))(y(111)))'()

expression (E'((x(11))(y(111))))(' ()))
value x

E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(1)

expression (E'((x(11))(y(111))))(' (1)))
value x

E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(11)

expression (E'((x(11))(y(111))))(' (11)))
value y

E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(111)

expression (E'((x(11))(y(111))))(' (111)))
value 0

E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(1111)

expression (E'((x(11))(y(111))))(' (1111)))
value 0

++?0'!% [[Universal binary computer U]]

```

[[Put together program for U:]]
^#~'    [[Show crucial prefix so can size it]]
"(      [[begin literally]]

[ (<xy) tells if x is less than y ]
: (<xy) /.y1 /.x1 <-x-y    [[ BAD DEFINITION!!! ALWAYS TRUE ]]

[ Search list p for first s in pair (s,m) with H(s) >= m > n ]
[ (Returns 0/false to indicate not found.) ]
: (Epn) /.p 0 /<n++p ++p E-pn

[ (2n) = convert reversed binary to unary ]
: (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk

[ k is the size in bits of this program for U, ]
[ excluding the bits in the formal axiomatic system. ]
: k 2'(010 001 111 1) [k = 994 base 10 = 1742 base 8]

[Main Loop - t is depth limit (time),
                b is bits of FAS read so far (buffer)]
: (Ltb)
: v ?t'!%b [run FAS for time t]
: s E-v^kb [look for s-exp s that is proved to have complexity H(s)
            > 994 + # of bits of FAS read]
/s s      [Found it! Output it and halt]
          [Contradiction: our value has complexity
            greater than our size!]
          [Our size is 994 bits + the number of bits of
            the FAS that were read at the point that the
            search succeeded (some bits of the FAS may be
            unread).]
/="!+v Lt^b*0() [Read another bit of FAS]
/="?+v L*1tb    [Increase depth/time limit]
"?      [Surprise, formal system halts, so we do too]

L()()      [Initially, 0 depth limit and no bits read]

)          [[end literally]]

```

```

#'
"([begin literally]]

[[This is the FAS]]
,'((xy)(11)) [FAS = {"H((xy)) >= 2"}]

) [[end literally]]

expression  (+(+(?0('(!(%)))^(#(~('(:(<xy)/.y1/.x1<-x-y:(Epn)
/.p0/<n+--p++pE-pn:(2n)/.n():k2-n/+n*1^kk^kk:k2'(0
100011111):(Ltb):v?t'!%b:sE-v^kb/ss/="!+vLt^b*@()/
="?+vL*1tb"?L()())))))(#('(','(xy)(11)))))))))
show        (:(<xy)/.y1/.x1<-x-y:(Epn)/.p0/<n+--p++pE-pn:(2n)/
.n():k2-n/+n*1^kk^kk:k2'(0100011111):(Ltb):v?t'!%b
:sE-v^kb/ss/="!+vLt^b*@()/="?+vL*1tb"?L()())
size        142(216)/994(1742)
value       (xy)

```

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

godel2.l

```
[[[
  Show that a formal system of complexity N
  can't prove that a specific object has
  complexity > N + 994.
  Formal system is a never halting lisp expression
  that displays pairs (lisp object, lower bound
  on its complexity).  E.g., (x(1111)) means
  that x has complexity H(x) greater than or equal to 4.
]]]

[ (<xy) tells if x is less than y ]
& (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y
<'(11) '(11)
<'(11) '(111)
<'(111) '(11)

[ Search list p for first s in pair (s,m) with H(s) >= m > n ]
[ (Returns 0/false to indicate not found.) ]
& (Epn) /.p 0 /<n+-+p ++p E-pn
E'((x(11))(y(111)))'()
E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(1)
E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(11)
E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(111)
E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(1111)

++?0'!%  [[Universal binary computer U]]
          [[Put together program for U:]]
^#~'      [[Show crucial prefix so can size it]]
"(        [[begin literally]]
```

```

[ (<xy) tells if x is less than y ]
: (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y      [[ CORRECT DEFINITION!!! ]]

[ Search list p for first s in pair (s,m) with H(s) >= m > n ]
[ (Returns 0/false to indicate not found.) ]
: (Epn) /.p 0 /<n+~p ++p E-pn

[ (2n) = convert reversed binary to unary ]
: (2n) /.n() :k2~n /+n *1^kk ^kk

[ k is the size in bits of this program for U, ]
[ excluding the bits in the formal axiomatic system. ]
: k 2'(010 001 111 1) [k = 994 base 10 = 1742 base 8]

[Main Loop - t is depth limit (time),
                b is bits of FAS read so far (buffer)]
: (Ltb)
: v ?t'!%b [run FAS for time t]
: s E-v^kb [look for s-exp s that is proved to have complexity H(s)
            > 994 + # of bits of FAS read]
/s s      [Found it! Output it and halt]
          [Contradiction: our value has complexity
            greater than our size!]
          [Our size is 994 bits + the number of bits of
            the FAS that were read at the point that the
            search succeeded (some bits of the FAS may be
            unread).]
/="!+v Lt^b*@() [Read another bit of FAS]
/="?+v L*1tb     [Increase depth/time limit]
"?      [Surprise, formal system halts, so we do too]

L()()      [Initially, 0 depth limit and no bits read]

)          [[end literally]]

#'
"(        [[begin literally]]

```

```
[[This is the FAS]]  
, '((xy)(11))  [FAS = {"H((xy)) >= 2"}]  
  
)      [[end literally]]
```


godel2.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  Show that a formal system of complexity N
  can't prove that a specific object has
  complexity > N + 994.
  Formal system is a never halting lisp expression
  that displays pairs (lisp object, lower bound
  on its complexity). E.g., (x(1111)) means
  that x has complexity H(x) greater than or equal to 4.
]]]
```

```
[ (<xy) tells if x is less than y ]
& (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y
```

```
<:      (&(xy)(/(<.y)0(/(<.x)1(<(-x)(-y)))))
```

```
<'(11)')(11)
```

```
expression (<(' (11))(' (11)))
value      0
```

```
<'(11)')(111)
```

```
expression (<(' (11))(' (111)))
value      1
```

<'(111)')(11)

expression (<'(111))(' (11)))
value 0

[Search list p for first s in pair (s,m) with H(s) >= m > n]
[(Returns 0/false to indicate not found.)]
& (Epn) /.p 0 /<n+--p ++p E-pn

E: (&(pn)/(.p)0/(<n+(-(+p))))(+(+p))(E(-p)n)))

E'((x(11))(y(111)))'()

expression (E'((x(11))(y(111))))(' ()))
value x

E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(1)

expression (E'((x(11))(y(111))))(' (1)))
value x

E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(11)

expression (E'((x(11))(y(111))))(' (11)))
value y

E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(111)

expression (E'((x(11))(y(111))))(' (111)))
value 0

E'((x(11))(y(111)))'(1111)

expression (E'((x(11))(y(111))))(' (1111)))
value 0

++?0'!% [[Universal binary computer U]]

```

[[Put together program for U:]]
^#~'    [[Show crucial prefix so can size it]]
"(      [[begin literally]]

[ (<xy) tells if x is less than y ]
: (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y    [[ CORRECT DEFINITION!!! ]]

[ Search list p for first s in pair (s,m) with H(s) >= m > n ]
[ (Returns 0/false to indicate not found.) ]
: (Epn) /.p 0 /<n++p ++p E-pn

[ (2n) = convert reversed binary to unary ]
: (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk

[ k is the size in bits of this program for U, ]
[ excluding the bits in the formal axiomatic system. ]
: k 2'(010 001 111 1) [k = 994 base 10 = 1742 base 8]

[Main Loop - t is depth limit (time),
                b is bits of FAS read so far (buffer)]
: (Ltb)
: v ?t'!%b [run FAS for time t]
: s E-v^kb [look for s-exp s that is proved to have complexity H(s)
            > 994 + # of bits of FAS read]
/s s      [Found it! Output it and halt]
          [Contradiction: our value has complexity
            greater than our size!]
          [Our size is 994 bits + the number of bits of
            the FAS that were read at the point that the
            search succeeded (some bits of the FAS may be
            unread).]
/="!+v Lt^b*0() [Read another bit of FAS]
/="?+v L*1tb    [Increase depth/time limit]
"?      [Surprise, formal system halts, so we do too]

L()()      [Initially, 0 depth limit and no bits read]

)          [[end literally]]

```

```

#'
"([begin literally]]

[[This is the FAS]]
,'((xy)(11)) [FAS = {"H((xy)) >= 2"}]

) [[end literally]]

expression  (+(+(?0('(!(%)))^(#(~('(:(<xy)/.y0/.x1<-x-y:(Epn)
/.p0/<n+--+p++pE-pn:(2n)/.n():k2-n/+n*1^kk^kk:k2'(0
100011111):(Ltb):v?t'!%b:sE-v^kb/ss/="!+vLt^b*@()/
="?+vL*1tb"?L()())))))(#('(', '(xy)(11)))))))))
show        (:(<xy)/.y0/.x1<-x-y:(Epn)/.p0/<n+--+p++pE-pn:(2n)/
.n():k2-n/+n*1^kk^kk:k2'(0100011111):(Ltb):v?t'!%b
:sE-v^kb/ss/="!+vLt^b*@()/="?+vL*1tb"?L()())
size        142(216)/994(1742)
value       ?

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End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 1 seconds.

godel3.l

```
[[[
  Show that a formal system of complexity N
  can't determine more than N + 3192 bits of Omega.
  Formal system is a never halting lisp expression
  that displays lists of the form (10X0XXXX10).
  This stands for the fractional part of Omega,
  and means that these 0,1 bits of Omega are known.
  X stands for an unknown bit.
]]]

[Count number of bits in an omega that are determined.]
& (Cw) /.w() /=X+w C-w *1C-w
C'(XXX)
C'(1XX)
C'(1X0)
C'(110)

[Merge bits of data into unknown bits of an omega.]
& (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+w M-w
[Test it.]
++?0 ':(Mw)/.w()*/=X+w@+wM-w M'(00X00X00X) '(111)
++?0 ':(Mw)/.w()*/=X+w@+wM-w M'(11X11X111) '(00)

[(<xy) tells if x is less than y.]
& (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y
<'(11) '(11)
<'(11) '(111)
<'(111) '(11)
```

```

[
  Examine omegas in list w to see if in any one of them
  the number of bits that are determined is greater than n.
  Returns 0 to indicate not found, or what it found.
]
& (Ewn) /.w 0 /<nC+w +w E-wn
E'((00)(000))'()
E'((00)(000))'(1)
E'((00)(000))'(11)
E'((00)(000))'(111)
E'((00)(000))'(1111)

++?0'!% [ The universal computer U ]
          [ Put together program for U : ]

^#~'      [ Show crucial prefix so that we can size it ]
"(        [ begin literally ]

[Count number of bits in an omega that are determined.]
: (Cw) /.w() /=X+w C-w *1C-w

[Merge bits of data into unknown bits of an omega.]
: (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+w M-w

[(<xy) tells if x is less than y.]
: (<xy) /.y1 /.x1 <-x-y      [[FORCED TO "TRUE" FOR TEST]]

[
  Examine omegas in list w to see if in any one of them
  the number of bits that are determined is greater than n.
  Returns 0 to indicate not found, or what it found.
]
: (Ewn) /.w 0 /<nC+w +w E-wn

[ (2n) = convert reverse binary to unary ]
: (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk

[We know that H(Omega_n) > n - 1883]
[Let k be 1883 plus the size of this program in bits = 1883 + 1309 = 3192]

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: k 2'(000 111 100 11) [ k = 3192 base 10 = 6170 base 8 ]
[
  Size of this program is 1309 + bits of FAS read + missing bits of Omega.
  Program tries to output this many + 1883 bits of Omega.
  But that would give us a program whose output is more complex
  than the size of the program. Contradiction!
  Thus this program won't find what it is looking for.
  So FAS of complexity N cannot determine > N + 1883 + 1309 bits of Omega,
  i.e., > N + 3192 bits of Omega.
]
[Main Loop: t is depth limit (time),
              b is bits of FAS read so far (buffer).]
:(Ltb)
: v      ?t'!%b      [Run FAS again.]
: s      E-v^kb      [Look for an omega with >
                      (size of this program + 1883) bits determined.]
/s      Ms          [Found it! Merge in undetermined bits,
                      output result, and halt.]
/="!+v   Lt^b*@()    [Read another bit of FAS.]
/="?+v   L*1tb       [Increase depth/time limit.]
"?"      [Surprise, formal system halts,
           so we do too.]

L()()          [Initially, 0 depth limit
                and no bits read.]
)              [ end literally ]

^#'(
, '(1X0) [Toy formal system with only one theorem.]
)

'(0) [Missing bit of omega that is needed.]

```


godel3.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  Show that a formal system of complexity N
  can't determine more than N + 3192 bits of Omega.
  Formal system is a never halting lisp expression
  that displays lists of the form (10X0XXXX10).
  This stands for the fractional part of Omega,
  and means that these 0,1 bits of Omega are known.
  X stands for an unknown bit.
]]]
```

```
[Count number of bits in an omega that are determined.]
& (Cw) /.w() /=X+w C-w *1C-w
```

```
C:      (&(w) (/ (.w) () (/ (=X(+w)) (C(-w)) (*1(C(-w)))))
```

```
C'(XXX)
```

```
expression (C(' (XXX)))
value      ()
```

```
C'(1XX)
```

```
expression (C(' (1XX)))
value      (1)
```

C'(1X0)

expression (C('1X0'))
value (11)

C'(110)

expression (C('110'))
value (111)

[Merge bits of data into unknown bits of an omega.]

& (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+w M-w

M: (&(w)/(.w)()(*(/(=X(+w))(@)(+w))(M(-w))))

[Test it.]

++?0 ': (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+wM-w M' (00X00X00X) '(111)

expression (+(+(?0('(&((Mw))(M('00X00X00X'))))('(&())/(.w
)()(*(/(=X(+w))(@)(+w))(M(-w))))))('111)))
value M

++?0 ': (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+wM-w M' (11X11X111) '(00)

expression (+(+(?0('(&((Mw))(M('11X11X111'))))('(&())/(.w
)()(*(/(=X(+w))(@)(+w))(M(-w))))))('00)))
value M

[(<xy) tells if x is less than y.]

& (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y

<: (&(xy)/(.y)0/(.x)1(<(-x)(-y))))

<'(11)'(11)

expression (<('11))('11))
value 0

<'(11)')(111)

expression (<(' (11))(' (111)))
value 1

<'(111)')(11)

expression (<(' (111))(' (11)))
value 0

```
[
  Examine omegas in list w to see if in any one of them
  the number of bits that are determined is greater than n.
  Returns 0 to indicate not found, or what it found.
]
& (Ewn) /.w 0 /<nC+w +w E-wn
```

E: (&(wn)/(.w)0/(<n(C(+w)))(+w)(E(-w)n)))

E'((00)(000))'()

expression (E('((00)(000)))(' ()))
value (00)

E'((00)(000))'(1)

expression (E('((00)(000)))(' (1)))
value (00)

E'((00)(000))'(11)

expression (E('((00)(000)))(' (11)))
value (000)

E'((00)(000))'(111)

expression (E('((00)(000)))(' (111)))

value 0

E'((00)(000))'(1111)

expression (E'((00)(000)))('1111))

value 0

++?0'!% [The universal computer U]
 [Put together program for U :]

^#~' [Show crucial prefix so that we can size it]
 "([begin literally]

[Count number of bits in an omega that are determined.]
 : (Cw) /.w() /=X+w C-w *1C-w

[Merge bits of data into unknown bits of an omega.]
 : (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+w M-w

[(<xy) tells if x is less than y.]
 : (<xy) /.y1 /.x1 <-x-y [[FORCED TO "TRUE" FOR TEST]]

[
 Examine omegas in list w to see if in any one of them
 the number of bits that are determined is greater than n.
 Returns 0 to indicate not found, or what it found.
]
 : (Ewn) /.w 0 /<nC+w +w E-wn

[(2n) = convert reverse binary to unary]
 : (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk

[We know that H(Omega_n) > n - 1883]
 [Let k be 1883 plus the size of this program in bits = 1883 + 1309 = 3192]
 : k 2'(000 111 100 11) [k = 3192 base 10 = 6170 base 8]
 [
 Size of this program is 1309 + bits of FAS read + missing bits of Omega.
 Program tries to output this many + 1883 bits of Omega.


```

But that would give us a program whose output is more complex
than the size of the program. Contradiction!
Thus this program won't find what it is looking for.
So FAS of complexity N cannot determine  $> N + 1883 + 1309$  bits of Omega,
i.e.,  $> N + 3192$  bits of Omega.
]
[Main Loop: t is depth limit (time),
                b is bits of FAS read so far (buffer).]
:(Ltb)
:v      ?t'!%b      [Run FAS again.]
:s      E-v^kb      [Look for an omega with >
                    (size of this program + 1883) bits determined.]
/s      Ms          [Found it! Merge in undetermined bits,
                    output result, and halt.]
/="!+v  Lt^b*@()    [Read another bit of FAS.]
/="?+v  L*1tb       [Increase depth/time limit.]
"?"      [Surprise, formal system halts,
            so we do too.]

L()()              [Initially, 0 depth limit
                    and no bits read.]
)                  [ end literally ]

^#'"(
,'(1X0) [Toy formal system with only one theorem.]
)

'(0) [Missing bit of omega that is needed.]

expression  (+((?0('(!(%)))^(#(~('(: (Cw)/.w())/=X+wC-w*1C-w:(
Mw)/.w()*/=X+w@+wM-w:(<xy)/.y1/.x1<-x-y:(Ewn)/.w0/
<nC+w+wE-wn:(2n)/.n():k2-n/+n*1^kk^kk:k2'(00011110
011):(Ltb):v?t'!%b:sE-v^kb/sMs/="!+vLt^b*@()/="?+v
L*1tb"?L()()))))^(#('(', '(1X0)))(' (0))))))
show        (: (Cw)/.w())/=X+wC-w*1C-w:(Mw)/.w()*/=X+w@+wM-w:(<x
y)/.y1/.x1<-x-y:(Ewn)/.w0/<nC+w+wE-wn:(2n)/.n():k2
-n/+n*1^kk^kk:k2'(00011110011):(Ltb):v?t'!%b:sE-v^
kb/sMs/="!+vLt^b*@()/="?+vL*1tb"?L()())
size        187(273)/1309(2435)

```

value (100)

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

godel4.l

```
[[[
  Show that a formal system of complexity N
  can't determine more than N + 3192 bits of Omega.
  Formal system is a never halting lisp expression
  that displays lists of the form (10X0XXXX10).
  This stands for the fractional part of Omega,
  and means that these 0,1 bits of Omega are known.
  X stands for an unknown bit.
]]]

[Count number of bits in an omega that are determined.]
& (Cw) /.w() /=X+w C-w *1C-w
C'(XXX)
C'(1XX)
C'(1X0)
C'(110)

[Merge bits of data into unknown bits of an omega.]
& (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+w M-w
[Test it.]
++?0 ':(Mw)/.w()*/=X+w@+wM-w M'(00X00X00X) '(111)
++?0 ':(Mw)/.w()*/=X+w@+wM-w M'(11X11X111) '(00)

[(<xy) tells if x is less than y.]
& (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y
<'(11) '(11)
<'(11) '(111)
<'(111) '(11)
```

```

[
  Examine omegas in list w to see if in any one of them
  the number of bits that are determined is greater than n.
  Returns 0 to indicate not found, or what it found.
]
& (Ewn) /.w 0 /<nC+w +w E-wn
E'((00)(000))'()
E'((00)(000))'(1)
E'((00)(000))'(11)
E'((00)(000))'(111)
E'((00)(000))'(1111)

++?0'!% [ The universal computer U ]
          [ Put together program for U : ]

^#~'      [ Show crucial prefix so that we can size it ]
"([       [ begin literally ]

[Count number of bits in an omega that are determined.]
: (Cw) /.w() /=X+w C-w *1C-w

[Merge bits of data into unknown bits of an omega.]
: (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+w M-w

[(<xy) tells if x is less than y.]
: (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y      [[CORRECT DEFINITION OF <]]

[
  Examine omegas in list w to see if in any one of them
  the number of bits that are determined is greater than n.
  Returns 0 to indicate not found, or what it found.
]
: (Ewn) /.w 0 /<nC+w +w E-wn

[ (2n) = convert reverse binary to unary ]
: (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk

[We know that H(Omega_n) > n - 1883]
[Let k be 1883 plus the size of this program in bits = 1883 + 1309 = 3192]

```

```

: k 2'(000 111 100 11) [ k = 3192 base 10 = 6170 base 8 ]
[
  Size of this program is 1309 + bits of FAS read + missing bits of Omega.
  Program tries to output this many + 1883 bits of Omega.
  But that would give us a program whose output is more complex
  than the size of the program. Contradiction!
  Thus this program won't find what it is looking for.
  So FAS of complexity N cannot determine > N + 1883 + 1309 bits of Omega,
  i.e., > N + 3192 bits of Omega.
]
[Main Loop: t is depth limit (time),
              b is bits of FAS read so far (buffer).]
:(Ltb)
: v      ?t'!%b      [Run FAS again.]
: s      E-v^kb      [Look for an omega with >
                      (size of this program + 1883) bits determined.]
/s      Ms          [Found it! Merge in undetermined bits,
                      output result, and halt.]
/="!+v   Lt^b*@()    [Read another bit of FAS.]
/="?+v   L*1tb       [Increase depth/time limit.]
"?"      [Surprise, formal system halts,
           so we do too.]

L()()          [Initially, 0 depth limit
                and no bits read.]
)              [ end literally ]

^#'(
, '(1X0) [Toy formal system with only one theorem.]
)

'(0) [Missing bit of omega that is needed.]

```


godel4.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

```
[[[
  Show that a formal system of complexity N
  can't determine more than N + 3192 bits of Omega.
  Formal system is a never halting lisp expression
  that displays lists of the form (10X0XXXX10).
  This stands for the fractional part of Omega,
  and means that these 0,1 bits of Omega are known.
  X stands for an unknown bit.
]]]

[Count number of bits in an omega that are determined.]
& (Cw) /.w() /=X+w C-w *1C-w

C:          (&(w) (/ (.w) () (/ (=X(+w)) (C(-w)) (*1(C(-w)))))

C'(XXX)

expression  (C(' (XXX)))
value       ()

C'(1XX)

expression  (C(' (1XX)))
value       (1)
```

C'(1X0)

expression (C('1X0'))
value (11)

C'(110)

expression (C('110'))
value (111)

[Merge bits of data into unknown bits of an omega.]

& (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+w M-w

M: (&(w)/(.w())(*(/(=X(+w))(@)(+w))(M(-w))))

[Test it.]

++?0 ': (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+wM-w M' (00X00X00X) '(111)

expression (+(+(?0('(&((Mw))(M('00X00X00X'))))('(&())/(.w
)())(*(/(=X(+w))(@)(+w))(M(-w))))))('111)))
value M

++?0 ': (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+wM-w M' (11X11X111) '(00)

expression (+(+(?0('(&((Mw))(M('11X11X111'))))('(&())/(.w
)())(*(/(=X(+w))(@)(+w))(M(-w))))))('00)))
value M

[(<xy) tells if x is less than y.]

& (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y

<: (&(xy)/(.y)0/(.x)1(<(-x)(-y))))

<'(11)'(11)

expression (<('11))('11))
value 0

<'(11)')(111)

expression (<(')(11))(')(111)))
value 1

<'(111)')(11)

expression (<(')(111))(')(11)))
value 0

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Examine omegas in list w to see if in any one of them
the number of bits that are determined is greater than n.
Returns 0 to indicate not found, or what it found.
]
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E: (&(wn)/(.w)0/(<n(C(+w)))(+w)(E(-w)n)))

E'((00)(000))'()

expression (E('((00)(000)))('()))
value (00)

E'((00)(000))'(1)

expression (E('((00)(000)))(')(1)))
value (00)

E'((00)(000))'(11)

expression (E('((00)(000)))(')(11)))
value (000)

E'((00)(000))'(111)

expression (E('((00)(000)))(')(111)))

value 0

E'((00)(000))'(1111)

expression (E'((00)(000)))('1111))

value 0

++?0'!% [The universal computer U]
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: (Cw) /.w() /=X+w C-w *1C-w

[Merge bits of data into unknown bits of an omega.]
: (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+w M-w

[(<xy) tells if x is less than y.]
: (<xy) /.y0 /.x1 <-x-y [[CORRECT DEFINITION OF <]]

[
Examine omegas in list w to see if in any one of them
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: (Ewn) /.w 0 /<nC+w +w E-wn

[(2n) = convert reverse binary to unary]
: (2n) /.n() :k2-n /+n *1^kk ^kk

[We know that H(Omega_n) > n - 1883]
[Let k be 1883 plus the size of this program in bits = 1883 + 1309 = 3192]
: k 2'(000 111 100 11) [k = 3192 base 10 = 6170 base 8]
[
Size of this program is 1309 + bits of FAS read + missing bits of Omega.
Program tries to output this many + 1883 bits of Omega.

```

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than the size of the program. Contradiction!
Thus this program won't find what it is looking for.
So FAS of complexity N cannot determine  $> N + 1883 + 1309$  bits of Omega,
i.e.,  $> N + 3192$  bits of Omega.
]
[Main Loop: t is depth limit (time),
                b is bits of FAS read so far (buffer).]
:(Ltb)
:v      ?t'!%b      [Run FAS again.]
:s      E-v^kb      [Look for an omega with >
                    (size of this program + 1883) bits determined.]
/s      Ms          [Found it! Merge in undetermined bits,
                    output result, and halt.]
/="!+v  Lt^b*@()    [Read another bit of FAS.]
/="?+v  L*1tb       [Increase depth/time limit.]
"?"      [Surprise, formal system halts,
            so we do too.]

L()()              [Initially, 0 depth limit
                    and no bits read.]
)                  [ end literally ]

^#'"(
,'(1X0) [Toy formal system with only one theorem.]
)

'(0) [Missing bit of omega that is needed.]

expression  (+((?0('(!(%)))^(#(~('(: (Cw)/.w())/=X+wC-w*1C-w:(
Mw)/.w()*/=X+w@+wM-w:(<xy)/.y0/.x1<-x-y:(Ewn)/.w0/
<nC+w+wE-wn:(2n)/.n():k2-n/+n*1^kk^kk:k2'(00011110
011):(Ltb):v?t'!%b:sE-v^kb/sMs/="!+vLt^b*@()/="?+v
L*1tb"?L()()))))^(#('(', '(1X0)))(' (0))))))
show        (: (Cw)/.w())/=X+wC-w*1C-w:(Mw)/.w()*/=X+w@+wM-w:(<x
y)/.y0/.x1<-x-y:(Ewn)/.w0/<nC+w+wE-wn:(2n)/.n():k2
-n/+n*1^kk^kk:k2'(00011110011):(Ltb):v?t'!%b:sE-v^
kb/sMs/="!+vLt^b*@()/="?+vL*1tb"?L()())
size        187(273)/1309(2435)

```

value ?

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

godel5.l

```
[[[
COROLLARY EXTRACTED FROM GODEL3/4 & OMEGA2:
Consider a partial determination of Omega, e.g.,
a lisp expression of the form (10X0XXXX10).
This stands for the fractional part of Omega,
and means that these 0,1 bits of Omega are known.
X stands for an unknown bit.
Then the complexity H of a partial determination
of Omega is greater than the number of bits that
are determined minus 1883 + 175 = 2058.
H((10X0XXXX10)) > number of bits determined - 2058.
]]]

++?0'!% [ The universal computer U ]
        [ Put together program for U : ]

^#~'     [ Show crucial prefix so that we can size it ]
"(       [ begin literally ]

[Merge bits of data into unknown bits of an omega.]
: (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+w M-w

        M!%           [Merge in undetermined bits,
                        output result, and halt.]
)           [ end literally ]

^#'"(
'(10X0XXXX10) [Partial determination of Omega.]
)
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'(11100) [Missing bits of omega that are needed.]

godel5.r

show.c

LISP Interpreter Run

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[[[
COROLLARY EXTRACTED FROM GODEL3/4 & OMEGA2:
Consider a partial determination of Omega, e.g.,
a lisp expression of the form (10X0XXXX10).
This stands for the fractional part of Omega,
and means that these 0,1 bits of Omega are known.
X stands for an unknown bit.
Then the complexity H of a partial determination
of Omega is greater than the number of bits that
are determined minus 1883 + 175 = 2058.
H((10X0XXXX10)) > number of bits determined - 2058.
]]]

++?0'!% [ The universal computer U ]
        [ Put together program for U : ]

^#~'    [ Show crucial prefix so that we can size it ]
"(      [ begin literally ]

[Merge bits of data into unknown bits of an omega.]
: (Mw) /.w() * /=X+w@+w M-w

        M!%          [Merge in undetermined bits,
                      output result, and halt.]
)          [ end literally ]
```

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^#'(
'(10X0XXX10) [Partial determination of Omega.]
)

'(11100) [Missing bits of omega that are needed.]

expression  ((+((?0('(!(%)))^(#(~('(: (Mw)/.w()*)=X+w@+wM-wM!%
              ))))^(#('(' (10X0XXX10))))(' (11100))))))
show        (:(Mw)/.w()*)=X+w@+wM-wM!%)
size        25(31)/175(257)
value       (1010110010)

```

End of LISP Run

Elapsed time is 0 seconds.

lisp.c

```
/* lisp.c: high-speed LISP interpreter */

/*
  The storage required by this interpreter is 8 bytes times
  the symbolic constant SIZE, which is 8 * 16,000,000 =
  128 megabytes. To run this interpreter in small machines,
  reduce the #define SIZE 16000000 below.

  To compile, type
      cc -O -olisp lisp.c
  To run interactively, type
      lisp
  To run with output on screen, type
      lisp <test.l
  To run with output in file, type
      lisp <test.l >test.r

  Reference: Kernighan & Ritchie,
  The C Programming Language, Second Edition,
  Prentice-Hall, 1988.
*/

#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>

#define SIZE 16000000 /* numbers of nodes of tree storage */
#define LAST_ATOM 128 /* highest integer value of character */
#define nil 128 /* null pointer in tree storage */
#define question -1 /* error pointer in tree storage */
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#define exclamation -2 /* error pointer in tree storage */
#define infinity 999999999 /* "infinite" depth limit */

/* For very small PC's, change following line to
   make hd & tl unsigned short instead of long:
   (If so, SIZE must be less than 64K.) */
long hd[SIZE+1], tl[SIZE+1]; /* tree storage */
long next = nil; /* list of free nodes */
long low = LAST_ATOM+1; /* first never-used node */
long vlst[LAST_ATOM+1]; /* bindings of each atom */
long tape; /* Turing machine tapes */
long display; /* display indicators */
long outputs; /* output stacks */
long q; /* for converting expressions to binary */
long col; /* column in each 50 character chunk of output
           (preceded by 12 char prefix) */
long cc; /* character count */
time_t time1; /* clock at start of execution */
time_t time2; /* clock at end of execution */

long ev(long e); /* initialize and evaluate expression */
void initialize_atoms(void); /* initialize atoms */
void clean_env(void); /* clean environment */
void restore_env(void); /* restore dirty environment */
long eval(long e, long d); /* evaluate expression */
/* evaluate list of expressions */
long evalst(long e, long d);
/* bind values of arguments to formal parameters */
void bind(long vars, long args);
long at(long x); /* atomic predicate */
long jn(long x, long y); /* join head to tail */
long pop(long x); /* return tl & free node */
void fr(long x); /* free list of nodes */
long eq(long x, long y); /* equal predicate */
long cardinality(long x); /* number of elements in list */
long append(long x, long y); /* append two lists */
/* read one square of Turing machine tape */
long getbit(void);
/* read one character from Turing machine tape */

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long getchrl(void);
/* read expression from Turing machine tape */
void putchr(long x); /* convert character to binary */
void putexp(long x); /* convert expression to binary */
void putexp2(long x); /* convert expression to binary */
long out(char *x, long y); /* output expression */
void out2(long x); /* really output expression */
void out3(long x); /* really really output expression */
long chr2(void); /* read character - skip blanks,
                  tabs and new line characters */
long chr(void); /* read character - skip comments */
long in(long mexp, long rparenokay); /* input m-exp */
long (*pchr)(void); /* pointer to chr2 or getchrl */
long p; /* parens associated with each operator for in() */
long p0; /* parens associated with each primitive function */
long p1; /* parens associated with each operator */

main() /* lisp main program */
{
    char name_colon[] = "X:"; /* for printing name: def pairs */

    time1 = time(NULL); /* start timer */
    printf("lisp.c\n\nLISP Interpreter Run\n");
    initialize_atoms();
    p = nil;
    p = jn(jn('@',nil),p);
    p = jn(jn('%',nil),p);
    p = jn(jn('+',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('-',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('.',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('\\',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn(',',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('!',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('#',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('~',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('*',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);
    p = jn(jn('=',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);
    p = jn(jn('&',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);
    p = jn(jn('^',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);

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p = jn(jn('/',jn('1',jn('2',jn('3',nil)))),p);
p = jn(jn(':',jn('1',jn('2',jn('3',nil)))),p);
p = jn(jn('?',jn('1',jn('2',jn('3',nil)))),p);
p1 = p0 = p;

while (1) {
    long e, f, name, def;
    printf("\n");
    /* read lisp meta-expression from stdin, ) not okay */
    pchr = chr2; cc = 0; p = p1; e = in(1,0); p1 = p;
    /* flush rest of input line */
    while (putchar(getchar()) != '\n');
    printf("\n");
    f = hd[e];
    name = hd[tl[e]];
    def = hd[tl[tl[e]]];
    if (f == '&') {
        /* definition */
        if (at(name)) {
            /* variable definition, e.g., & x '(abc) */
            def = out("expression",def);
            def = ev(def);
        } /* end of variable definition */
        else {
            /* function definition, e.g., & (Fxy) *x*y() */
            long var_list = tl[name];
            name = hd[name];
            def = jn('&',jn(var_list,jn(def,nil)));
        } /* end of function definition */
        name_colon[0] = name;
        out(name_colon,def);
        /* new binding replaces old */
        vlst[name] = jn(def,nil);
        continue;
    } /* end of definition */
    /* write corresponding s-expression */
    e = out("expression",e);
    /* evaluate expression */
    e = out("value",ev(e));
}

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    }
}

long ev(long e) /* initialize and evaluate expression */
{
    long d = infinity; /* "infinite" depth limit */
    long v;
    tape = jn(nil,nil);
    display = jn('Y',nil);
    outputs = jn(nil,nil);
    v = eval(e,d);
    if (v == question) v = '?';
    if (v == exclamation) v = '!';
    return v;
}

void initialize_atoms(void) /* initialize atoms */
{
    long i;
    for (i = 0; i <= LAST_ATOM; ++i) {
        hd[i] = tl[i] = i; /* so that hd & tl of atom = atom */
        /* initially each atom evaluates to self */
        vlst[i] = jn(i,nil);
    }
}

long jn(long x, long y) /* join two lists */
{
    long z;
    /* if y is not a list, then jn is x */
    if ( y != nil && at(y) ) return x;

    if (next == nil) {
        if (low > SIZE) {
            printf("Storage overflow!\n");
            exit(0);
        }
        next = low++;
        tl[next] = nil;
    }
}

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    }

    z = next;
    next = tl[next];
    hd[z] = x;
    tl[z] = y;

    return z;
}

long pop(long x) /* return tl & free node */
{
    long y;
    y = tl[x];
    tl[x] = next;
    next = x;
    return y;
}

void fr(long x) /* free list of nodes */
{
    while (x != nil) x = pop(x);
}

long at(long x) /* atom predicate */
{
    return ( x <= LAST_ATOM );
}

long eq(long x, long y) /* equal predicate */
{
    if (x == y) return 1;
    if (at(x)) return 0;
    if (at(y)) return 0;
    if (eq(hd[x],hd[y])) return eq(tl[x],tl[y]);
    return 0;
}

long eval(long e, long d) /* evaluate expression */

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{
/*
  e is expression to be evaluated
  d is permitted depth - integer, not pointer to tree storage
*/
  long f, v, args, x, y, z, vars, body;

  /* find current binding of atomic expression */
  if (at(e)) return hd[vlst[e]];

  f = eval(hd[e],d); /* evaluate function */
  e = tl[e]; /* remove function from list of arguments */
  if (f < 0) return f; /* function = error value? */

  if (f == '\') return hd[e]; /* quote */

  if (f == '/') { /* if then else */
    v = eval(hd[e],d);
    e = tl[e];
    if (v < 0) return v; /* error? */
    if (v == '0') e = tl[e];
    return eval(hd[e],d);
  }

  args = evalst(e,d); /* evaluate list of arguments */
  if (args < 0) return args; /* error? */

  x = hd[args]; /* pick up first argument */
  y = hd[tl[args]]; /* pick up second argument */
  z = hd[tl[tl[args]]]; /* pick up third argument */

  switch (f) {
  case '@': {fr(args); return getbit();}
    /* read lisp meta-expression from TM tape, ) not okay */
  case '%': {fr(args); pchr = getchr; cc = 1; p = p0; return in(1,0);}
  case '#': {fr(args);
    v = q = jn(nil,nil); putexp(x); return pop(v);}
  case '+': {fr(args); return hd[x];}
  case '-': {fr(args); return tl[x];}

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case '.': {fr(args); return (at(x) ? '1' : '0');}
case ',': {fr(args); hd[outputs] = jn(x,hd[outputs]);
          return (hd[display] == 'Y' ? out("display",x): x);}
case '~': {fr(args); return /* out("show", */ x /* ) */ ;}
case '=': {fr(args); return (eq(x,y) ? '1' : '0');}
case '*': {fr(args); return jn(x,y);}
case '^': {fr(args);
          return append((at(x)?nil:x),(at(y)?nil:y));}
}

if (d == 0) {fr(args); return question;} /* depth exceeded
                                          -> error! */

d--; /* decrement depth */

if (f == '!') {
fr(args);
clean_env(); /* clean environment */
v = eval(x,d);
restore_env(); /* restore unclean environment */
return v;
}

if (f == '?') {
fr(args);
x = cardinality(x); /* convert s-exp into number */
clean_env();
tape = jn(z,tape);
display = jn('N',display);
outputs = jn(nil,outputs);
v = eval(y,(d <= x ? d : x));
restore_env();
z = hd[outputs];
tape = pop(tape);
display = pop(display);
outputs = pop(outputs);
if (v == question) return (d <= x ? question : jn('?',z));
if (v == exclamation) return jn('!',z);
return jn(jn(v,nil),z);
}

```



```
f = tl[f];
vars = hd[f];
f = tl[f];
body = hd[f];

bind(vars,args);
fr(args);

v = eval(body,d);

/* unbind */
while (!at(vars)) {
  if (at(hd[vars]))
    vlst[hd[vars]] = pop(vlst[hd[vars]]);
  vars = tl[vars];
}

return v;
}

void clean_env(void) /* clean environment */
{
  long i;
  for (i = 0; i <= LAST_ATOM; ++i)
    vlst[i] = jn(i,vlst[i]); /* clean environment */
}

void restore_env(void) /* restore unclean environment */
{
  long i;
  for (i = 0; i <= LAST_ATOM; ++i)
    vlst[i] = pop(vlst[i]); /* restore unclean environment */
}

long cardinality(long x) /* number of elements in list */
{
  if (at(x)) return (x == nil ? 0 : infinity);
  return 1+cardinality(tl[x]);
}
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}

/* bind values of arguments to formal parameters */
void bind(long vars, long args)
{
    if (at(vars)) return;
    bind(tl[vars],tl[args]);
    if (at(hd[vars]))
        vlst[hd[vars]] = jn(hd[args],vlst[hd[vars]]);
}

long evalst(long e, long d) /* evaluate list of expressions */
{
    long x, y;
    if (at(e)) return nil;
    x = eval(hd[e],d);
    if (x < 0) return x; /* error? */
    y = evalst(tl[e],d);
    if (y < 0) return y; /* error? */
    return jn(x,y);
}

long append(long x, long y) /* append two lists */
{
    if (at(x)) return y;
    return jn(hd[x],append(tl[x],y));
}

/* read one square of Turing machine tape */
long getbit(void)
{
    long x;
    if (at(hd[tape])) return exclamation; /* tape finished ! */
    x = hd[hd[tape]];
    hd[tape] = tl[hd[tape]];
    return (x == '0' ? '0' : '1');
}

/* read one character from Turing machine tape */

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long getchrr(void)
{
    long c, b, i;
    c = 0;
    do {
        for (i = 0; i < 7; ++i) {
            b = getbit();
            if (b < 0) return b; /* error? */
            c = c + c + b - '0';
        }
    }
    /* keep only non-blank printable ASCII codes */
    while (c >= 127 || c <= 32) ;
    return c;
}

void putchr(long x) /* convert character to binary */
{
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 64 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 32 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 16 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 8 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 4 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 2 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 1 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
}

void putexp(long x) /* convert expression to binary */
{
    /* remove containing parens at top level! */
    while (!at(x)) {
        putexp2(hd[x]);
        x = tl[x];
    }
}

void putexp2(long x) /* convert expression to binary */
{
    if ( at(x) && x != nil ) {putchr(x); return;}

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    putchar('(');

    while (!at(x)) {
        putexp2(hd[x]);
        x = tl[x];
    }

    putchar(')');
}

long out(char *x, long y) /* output expression */
{
    printf("%-12s",x);
    col = 0; /* so can insert \n and 12 blanks
              every 50 characters of output */
    cc = -2; /* count characters in m-expression */
    out2(y);
    printf("\n");
    if (*x == 's' && cc > 0)
        printf("%-12s%d(%o)/%d(%o)\n","size",cc,cc,7*cc,7*cc);
    return y;
}

void out2(long x) /* really output expression */
{
    if ( at(x) && x != nil ) {out3(x); return;}
    out3('(');
    while (!at(x)) {
        out2(hd[x]);
        x = tl[x];
    }
    out3(')');
}

void out3(long x) /* really really output expression */
{
    if (col++ == 50) {printf("\n%-12s"," "); col = 1;}
    putchar(x);
    cc++;
}

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}

long chr2(void) /* read character - skip blanks,
                tabs and new line characters */
{
    long c;
    do {
        c = getchar();
        if (c == EOF) {
            time2 = time(NULL);
            printf(
                "End of LISP Run\n\nElapsed time is %.0f seconds.\n",
                difftime(time2,time1)
            );
            /* on some systems, above line should instead be: */
            /* time2 - time1 */
            exit(0); /* terminate execution */
        }
        putchar(c);
    }
    /* keep only non-blank printable ASCII codes */
    while (c >= 127 || c <= 32) ;
    return c;
}

long chr(void) /* read character - skip comments */
{
    /* here pchr -> chr2, getch */
    long c;
    while (1) {
        c = (*pchr)();
        if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
        if (c != '[') return c;
        /* comments may be nested */
        while ((c = chr()) != ']')
            if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
    }
}

/* read expression from Turing machine tape */
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long in(long mexp, long rparenokay) /* input m-exp */
{
    long c = chr();
    if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
    cc++; /* bump character count */
    if (c == ')') if (rparenokay) return ')'; else return nil;
    if (c == '(') { /* explicit list */
        long first, last, next;
        first = last = jn(nil,nil);
        while ((next = in(mexp,1)) != ')')
        {
            if (next < 0) return next; /* error? */
            last = tl[last] = jn(next,nil);
        }
        return pop(first);
    }
    if (!mexp) return c; /* atom */
    if (c == '{') { /* number */
        long n = 0, u;
        while ((c = chr()) != '}') {
            if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
            c = c - '0';
            if (c >= 0 && c <= 9) n = 10 * n + c;
        }
        for (u = nil; n > 0; n--) u = jn('1',u);
        return u;
    }
    if (c == '"') return in(0,0); /* s-exp */
    if (c == '&' && cc == 1) {
        /* expand "define" only if & is first character */
        long name, def;
        name = in(0,0); if (name < 0) return name; /* error? */
        p = jn(name,p);
        def = in(1,0); if (def < 0) return def ; /* error? */
        return jn('&',jn(name,jn(def,nil)));
    }
    if (c == ':') { /* expand "let" */
        long name, def, body;
        name = in(0,0); if (name < 0) return name; /* error? */

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    p = jn(name,p);
    def = in(1,0); if (def < 0) return def ; /* error? */
    body = in(1,0); if (body < 0) return body; /* error? */
    p = pop(p);
    if (!at(name)) {
        long var_list;
        var_list = tl[name];
        name = hd[name];
        def =
            jn('\'',jn(jn('&',jn(var_list,jn(def,nil))),nil));
    }
    return
    jn(
        jn('\'',jn(jn('&',jn(jn(name,nil),jn(body,nil))),nil)),
        jn(def,nil)
    );
}
{long p2;
for (p2 = p; !at(p2); p2 = tl[p2]) {
    long p3 = hd[p2];
    if (p3 == c) return c;
    if (hd[p3] == c) {
        long first, last, next;
        first = last = jn(c,nil);
        for (p3 = tl[p3]; !at(p3); p3 = tl[p3]) {
            next = in(1,0);
            if (next < 0) return next; /* error? */
            last = tl[last] = jn(next,nil);
        }
        return first;
    }
}
return c;
}
}

```


show.c

```
/* show.c: high-speed LISP interpreter */

/*
  The storage required by this interpreter is 8 bytes times
  the symbolic constant SIZE, which is 8 * 16,000,000 =
  128 megabytes. To run this interpreter in small machines,
  reduce the #define SIZE 16000000 below.

  To compile, type
      cc -O -oshow show.c
  To run interactively, type
      show
  To run with output on screen, type
      show <test.l
  To run with output in file, type
      show <test.l >test.r

  Reference: Kernighan & Ritchie,
  The C Programming Language, Second Edition,
  Prentice-Hall, 1988.
*/

#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>

#define SIZE 16000000 /* numbers of nodes of tree storage */
#define LAST_ATOM 128 /* highest integer value of character */
#define nil 128 /* null pointer in tree storage */
#define question -1 /* error pointer in tree storage */
```

```

#define exclamation -2 /* error pointer in tree storage */
#define infinity 999999999 /* "infinite" depth limit */

/* For very small PC's, change following line to
   make hd & tl unsigned short instead of long:
   (If so, SIZE must be less than 64K.) */
long hd[SIZE+1], tl[SIZE+1]; /* tree storage */
long next = nil; /* list of free nodes */
long low = LAST_ATOM+1; /* first never-used node */
long vlst[LAST_ATOM+1]; /* bindings of each atom */
long tape; /* Turing machine tapes */
long display; /* display indicators */
long outputs; /* output stacks */
long q; /* for converting expressions to binary */
long col; /* column in each 50 character chunk of output
           (preceded by 12 char prefix) */
long cc; /* character count */
time_t time1; /* clock at start of execution */
time_t time2; /* clock at end of execution */

long ev(long e); /* initialize and evaluate expression */
void initialize_atoms(void); /* initialize atoms */
void clean_env(void); /* clean environment */
void restore_env(void); /* restore dirty environment */
long eval(long e, long d); /* evaluate expression */
/* evaluate list of expressions */
long evalst(long e, long d);
/* bind values of arguments to formal parameters */
void bind(long vars, long args);
long at(long x); /* atomic predicate */
long jn(long x, long y); /* join head to tail */
long pop(long x); /* return tl & free node */
void fr(long x); /* free list of nodes */
long eq(long x, long y); /* equal predicate */
long cardinality(long x); /* number of elements in list */
long append(long x, long y); /* append two lists */
/* read one square of Turing machine tape */
long getbit(void);
/* read one character from Turing machine tape */

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```

long getchrl(void);
/* read expression from Turing machine tape */
void putchr(long x); /* convert character to binary */
void putexp(long x); /* convert expression to binary */
void putexp2(long x); /* convert expression to binary */
long out(char *x, long y); /* output expression */
void out2(long x); /* really output expression */
void out3(long x); /* really really output expression */
long chr2(void); /* read character - skip blanks,
                  tabs and new line characters */
long chr(void); /* read character - skip comments */
long in(long mexp, long rparenokay); /* input m-exp */
long (*pchr)(void); /* pointer to chr2 or getchrl */
long p; /* parens associated with each operator for in() */
long p0; /* parens associated with each primitive function */
long p1; /* parens associated with each operator */

main() /* lisp main program */
{
    char name_colon[] = "X:"; /* for printing name: def pairs */

    time1 = time(NULL); /* start timer */
    printf("show.c\n\nLISP Interpreter Run\n");
    initialize_atoms();
    p = nil;
    p = jn(jn('@',nil),p);
    p = jn(jn('%',nil),p);
    p = jn(jn('+',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('-',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('.',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('\\',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn(',',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('!',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('#',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('~',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('*',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);
    p = jn(jn('=',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);
    p = jn(jn('&',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);
    p = jn(jn('^',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);

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p = jn(jn('/',jn('1',jn('2',jn('3',nil)))),p);
p = jn(jn(':',jn('1',jn('2',jn('3',nil)))),p);
p = jn(jn('?',jn('1',jn('2',jn('3',nil)))),p);
p1 = p0 = p;

while (1) {
    long e, f, name, def;
    printf("\n");
    /* read lisp meta-expression from stdin, ) not okay */
    pchr = chr2; cc = 0; p = p1; e = in(1,0); p1 = p;
    /* flush rest of input line */
    while (putchar(getchar()) != '\n');
    printf("\n");
    f = hd[e];
    name = hd[tl[e]];
    def = hd[tl[tl[e]]];
    if (f == '&') {
        /* definition */
        if (at(name)) {
            /* variable definition, e.g., & x '(abc) */
            def = out("expression",def);
            def = ev(def);
        } /* end of variable definition */
        else {
            /* function definition, e.g., & (Fxy) *x*y() */
            long var_list = tl[name];
            name = hd[name];
            def = jn('&',jn(var_list,jn(def,nil)));
        } /* end of function definition */
        name_colon[0] = name;
        out(name_colon,def);
        /* new binding replaces old */
        vlst[name] = jn(def,nil);
        continue;
    } /* end of definition */
    /* write corresponding s-expression */
    e = out("expression",e);
    /* evaluate expression */
    e = out("value",ev(e));
}

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    }
}

long ev(long e) /* initialize and evaluate expression */
{
    long d = infinity; /* "infinite" depth limit */
    long v;
    tape = jn(nil,nil);
    display = jn('Y',nil);
    outputs = jn(nil,nil);
    v = eval(e,d);
    if (v == question) v = '?';
    if (v == exclamation) v = '!';
    return v;
}

void initialize_atoms(void) /* initialize atoms */
{
    long i;
    for (i = 0; i <= LAST_ATOM; ++i) {
        hd[i] = tl[i] = i; /* so that hd & tl of atom = atom */
        /* initially each atom evaluates to self */
        vlst[i] = jn(i,nil);
    }
}

long jn(long x, long y) /* join two lists */
{
    long z;
    /* if y is not a list, then jn is x */
    if ( y != nil && at(y) ) return x;

    if (next == nil) {
        if (low > SIZE) {
            printf("Storage overflow!\n");
            exit(0);
        }
        next = low++;
        tl[next] = nil;
    }
}

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    }

    z = next;
    next = tl[next];
    hd[z] = x;
    tl[z] = y;

    return z;
}

long pop(long x) /* return tl & free node */
{
    long y;
    y = tl[x];
    tl[x] = next;
    next = x;
    return y;
}

void fr(long x) /* free list of nodes */
{
    while (x != nil) x = pop(x);
}

long at(long x) /* atom predicate */
{
    return ( x <= LAST_ATOM );
}

long eq(long x, long y) /* equal predicate */
{
    if (x == y) return 1;
    if (at(x)) return 0;
    if (at(y)) return 0;
    if (eq(hd[x],hd[y])) return eq(tl[x],tl[y]);
    return 0;
}

long eval(long e, long d) /* evaluate expression */

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{
/*
  e is expression to be evaluated
  d is permitted depth - integer, not pointer to tree storage
*/
  long f, v, args, x, y, z, vars, body;

  /* find current binding of atomic expression */
  if (at(e)) return hd[vlst[e]];

  f = eval(hd[e],d); /* evaluate function */
  e = tl[e]; /* remove function from list of arguments */
  if (f < 0) return f; /* function = error value? */

  if (f == '\') return hd[e]; /* quote */

  if (f == '/') { /* if then else */
    v = eval(hd[e],d);
    e = tl[e];
    if (v < 0) return v; /* error? */
    if (v == '0') e = tl[e];
    return eval(hd[e],d);
  }

  args = evalst(e,d); /* evaluate list of arguments */
  if (args < 0) return args; /* error? */

  x = hd[args]; /* pick up first argument */
  y = hd[tl[args]]; /* pick up second argument */
  z = hd[tl[tl[args]]]; /* pick up third argument */

  switch (f) {
case '@': {fr(args); return getbit();}
          /* read lisp meta-expression from TM tape, ) not okay */
case '%': {fr(args); pchr = getchr; cc = 1; p = p0; return in(1,0);}
case '#': {fr(args);
          v = q = jn(nil,nil); putexp(x); return pop(v);}
case '+': {fr(args); return hd[x];}
case '-': {fr(args); return tl[x];}

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case '.': {fr(args); return (at(x) ? '1' : '0');}
case ',': {fr(args); hd[outputs] = jn(x,hd[outputs]);
          return (hd[display] == 'Y' ? out("display",x): x);}
case '~': {fr(args); return /* */ out("show", /* */ x /* */ ) /* */ ;}
case '=': {fr(args); return (eq(x,y) ? '1' : '0');}
case '*': {fr(args); return jn(x,y);}
case '^': {fr(args);
          return append((at(x)?nil:x),(at(y)?nil:y));}
}

if (d == 0) {fr(args); return question;} /* depth exceeded
                                          -> error! */

d--; /* decrement depth */

if (f == '!') {
fr(args);
clean_env(); /* clean environment */
v = eval(x,d);
restore_env(); /* restore unclean environment */
return v;
}

if (f == '?') {
fr(args);
x = cardinality(x); /* convert s-exp into number */
clean_env();
tape = jn(z,tape);
display = jn('N',display);
outputs = jn(nil,outputs);
v = eval(y,(d <= x ? d : x));
restore_env();
z = hd[outputs];
tape = pop(tape);
display = pop(display);
outputs = pop(outputs);
if (v == question) return (d <= x ? question : jn('?',z));
if (v == exclamation) return jn('!',z);
return jn(jn(v,nil),z);
}

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f = tl[f];
vars = hd[f];
f = tl[f];
body = hd[f];

bind(vars,args);
fr(args);

v = eval(body,d);

/* unbind */
while (!at(vars)) {
  if (at(hd[vars]))
    vlst[hd[vars]] = pop(vlst[hd[vars]]);
  vars = tl[vars];
}

return v;
}

void clean_env(void) /* clean environment */
{
  long i;
  for (i = 0; i <= LAST_ATOM; ++i)
    vlst[i] = jn(i,vlst[i]); /* clean environment */
}

void restore_env(void) /* restore unclean environment */
{
  long i;
  for (i = 0; i <= LAST_ATOM; ++i)
    vlst[i] = pop(vlst[i]); /* restore unclean environment */
}

long cardinality(long x) /* number of elements in list */
{
  if (at(x)) return (x == nil ? 0 : infinity);
  return 1+cardinality(tl[x]);
}
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}

/* bind values of arguments to formal parameters */
void bind(long vars, long args)
{
    if (at(vars)) return;
    bind(tl[vars],tl[args]);
    if (at(hd[vars]))
        vlst[hd[vars]] = jn(hd[args],vlst[hd[vars]]);
}

long evalst(long e, long d) /* evaluate list of expressions */
{
    long x, y;
    if (at(e)) return nil;
    x = eval(hd[e],d);
    if (x < 0) return x; /* error? */
    y = evalst(tl[e],d);
    if (y < 0) return y; /* error? */
    return jn(x,y);
}

long append(long x, long y) /* append two lists */
{
    if (at(x)) return y;
    return jn(hd[x],append(tl[x],y));
}

/* read one square of Turing machine tape */
long getbit(void)
{
    long x;
    if (at(hd[tape])) return exclamation; /* tape finished ! */
    x = hd[hd[tape]];
    hd[tape] = tl[hd[tape]];
    return (x == '0' ? '0' : '1');
}

/* read one character from Turing machine tape */

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long getchrr(void)
{
    long c, b, i;
    c = 0;
    do {
        for (i = 0; i < 7; ++i) {
            b = getbit();
            if (b < 0) return b; /* error? */
            c = c + c + b - '0';
        }
    }
    /* keep only non-blank printable ASCII codes */
    while (c >= 127 || c <= 32) ;
    return c;
}

void putchr(long x) /* convert character to binary */
{
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 64 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 32 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 16 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 8 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 4 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 2 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 1 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
}

void putexp(long x) /* convert expression to binary */
{
    /* remove containing parens at top level! */
    while (!at(x)) {
        putexp2(hd[x]);
        x = tl[x];
    }
}

void putexp2(long x) /* convert expression to binary */
{
    if ( at(x) && x != nil ) {putchr(x); return;}

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    putchar('(');

    while (!at(x)) {
        putexp2(hd[x]);
        x = tl[x];
    }

    putchar(')');
}

long out(char *x, long y) /* output expression */
{
    printf("%-12s",x);
    col = 0; /* so can insert \n and 12 blanks
              every 50 characters of output */
    cc = -2; /* count characters in m-expression */
    out2(y);
    printf("\n");
    if (*x == 's' && cc > 0)
        printf("%-12s%d(%o)/%d(%o)\n","size",cc,cc,7*cc,7*cc);
    return y;
}

void out2(long x) /* really output expression */
{
    if ( at(x) && x != nil ) {out3(x); return;}
    out3('(');
    while (!at(x)) {
        out2(hd[x]);
        x = tl[x];
    }
    out3(')');
}

void out3(long x) /* really really output expression */
{
    if (col++ == 50) {printf("\n%-12s"," "); col = 1;}
    putchar(x);
    cc++;
}

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}

long chr2(void) /* read character - skip blanks,
                tabs and new line characters */
{
    long c;
    do {
        c = getchar();
        if (c == EOF) {
            time2 = time(NULL);
            printf(
                "End of LISP Run\n\nElapsed time is %.0f seconds.\n",
                difftime(time2,time1)
            );
            /* on some systems, above line should instead be: */
            /* time2 - time1 */
            exit(0); /* terminate execution */
        }
        putchar(c);
    }
    /* keep only non-blank printable ASCII codes */
    while (c >= 127 || c <= 32) ;
    return c;
}

long chr(void) /* read character - skip comments */
{
    /* here pchr -> chr2, getch */
    long c;
    while (1) {
        c = (*pchr)();
        if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
        if (c != '[') return c;
        /* comments may be nested */
        while ((c = chr()) != ']')
            if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
    }
}

/* read expression from Turing machine tape */

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long in(long mexp, long rparenokay) /* input m-exp */
{
    long c = chr();
    if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
    cc++; /* bump character count */
    if (c == ')') if (rparenokay) return ')'; else return nil;
    if (c == '(') { /* explicit list */
        long first, last, next;
        first = last = jn(nil,nil);
        while ((next = in(mexp,1)) != ')')
        {
            if (next < 0) return next; /* error? */
            last = tl[last] = jn(next,nil);
        }
        return pop(first);
    }
    if (!mexp) return c; /* atom */
    if (c == '{') { /* number */
        long n = 0, u;
        while ((c = chr()) != '}') {
            if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
            c = c - '0';
            if (c >= 0 && c <= 9) n = 10 * n + c;
        }
        for (u = nil; n > 0; n--) u = jn('1',u);
        return u;
    }
    if (c == '"') return in(0,0); /* s-exp */
    if (c == '&' && cc == 1) {
        /* expand "define" only if & is first character */
        long name, def;
        name = in(0,0); if (name < 0) return name; /* error? */
        p = jn(name,p);
        def = in(1,0); if (def < 0) return def ; /* error? */
        return jn('&',jn(name,jn(def,nil)));
    }
    if (c == ':') { /* expand "let" */
        long name, def, body;
        name = in(0,0); if (name < 0) return name; /* error? */

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    p = jn(name,p);
    def = in(1,0); if (def < 0) return def ; /* error? */
    body = in(1,0); if (body < 0) return body; /* error? */
    p = pop(p);
    if (!at(name)) {
        long var_list;
        var_list = tl[name];
        name = hd[name];
        def =
            jn('\'',jn(jn('&',jn(var_list,jn(def,nil))),nil));
    }
    return
    jn(
        jn('\'',jn(jn('&',jn(jn(name,nil),jn(body,nil))),nil)),
        jn(def,nil)
    );
}
{long p2;
for (p2 = p; !at(p2); p2 = tl[p2]) {
    long p3 = hd[p2];
    if (p3 == c) return c;
    if (hd[p3] == c) {
        long first, last, next;
        first = last = jn(c,nil);
        for (p3 = tl[p3]; !at(p3); p3 = tl[p3]) {
            next = in(1,0);
            if (next < 0) return next; /* error? */
            last = tl[last] = jn(next,nil);
        }
        return first;
    }
}
return c;
}
}

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big.c

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/* big.c: high-speed LISP interpreter */

/*
  The storage required by this interpreter is 8 bytes times
  the symbolic constant SIZE, which is 8 * 64,000,000 =
  512 megabytes. To run this interpreter in small machines,
  reduce the #define SIZE 64000000 below.

  To compile, type
      cc -O -obig -bmaxdata:0x40000000 big.c
  To run interactively, type
      big
  To run with output on screen, type
      big <test.l
  To run with output in file, type
      big <test.l >test.r

  Reference: Kernighan & Ritchie,
  The C Programming Language, Second Edition,
  Prentice-Hall, 1988.
*/

#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>

#define SIZE 64000000 /* numbers of nodes of tree storage */
#define LAST_ATOM 128 /* highest integer value of character */
#define nil 128 /* null pointer in tree storage */
#define question -1 /* error pointer in tree storage */
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#define exclamation -2 /* error pointer in tree storage */
#define infinity 999999999 /* "infinite" depth limit */

/* For very small PC's, change following line to
   make hd & tl unsigned short instead of long:
   (If so, SIZE must be less than 64K.) */
long hd[SIZE+1], tl[SIZE+1]; /* tree storage */
long next = nil; /* list of free nodes */
long low = LAST_ATOM+1; /* first never-used node */
long vlst[LAST_ATOM+1]; /* bindings of each atom */
long tape; /* Turing machine tapes */
long display; /* display indicators */
long outputs; /* output stacks */
long q; /* for converting expressions to binary */
long col; /* column in each 50 character chunk of output
           (preceded by 12 char prefix) */
long cc; /* character count */
time_t time1; /* clock at start of execution */
time_t time2; /* clock at end of execution */

long ev(long e); /* initialize and evaluate expression */
void initialize_atoms(void); /* initialize atoms */
void clean_env(void); /* clean environment */
void restore_env(void); /* restore dirty environment */
long eval(long e, long d); /* evaluate expression */
/* evaluate list of expressions */
long evalst(long e, long d);
/* bind values of arguments to formal parameters */
void bind(long vars, long args);
long at(long x); /* atomic predicate */
long jn(long x, long y); /* join head to tail */
long pop(long x); /* return tl & free node */
void fr(long x); /* free list of nodes */
long eq(long x, long y); /* equal predicate */
long cardinality(long x); /* number of elements in list */
long append(long x, long y); /* append two lists */
/* read one square of Turing machine tape */
long getbit(void);
/* read one character from Turing machine tape */

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long getchrl(void);
/* read expression from Turing machine tape */
void putchr(long x); /* convert character to binary */
void putexp(long x); /* convert expression to binary */
void putexp2(long x); /* convert expression to binary */
long out(char *x, long y); /* output expression */
void out2(long x); /* really output expression */
void out3(long x); /* really really output expression */
long chr2(void); /* read character - skip blanks,
                  tabs and new line characters */
long chr(void); /* read character - skip comments */
long in(long mexp, long rparenokay); /* input m-exp */
long (*pchr)(void); /* pointer to chr2 or getchrl */
long p; /* parens associated with each operator for in() */
long p0; /* parens associated with each primitive function */
long p1; /* parens associated with each operator */

main() /* lisp main program */
{
    char name_colon[] = "X:"; /* for printing name: def pairs */

    time1 = time(NULL); /* start timer */
    printf("big.c\n\nLISP Interpreter Run\n");
    initialize_atoms();
    p = nil;
    p = jn(jn('@',nil),p);
    p = jn(jn('%',nil),p);
    p = jn(jn('+',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('-',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('.',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('\'',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn(',',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('!',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('#',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('~',jn('1',nil)),p);
    p = jn(jn('*',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);
    p = jn(jn('=',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);
    p = jn(jn('&',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);
    p = jn(jn('^',jn('1',jn('2',nil))),p);

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p = jn(jn('/',jn('1',jn('2',jn('3',nil)))),p);
p = jn(jn(':',jn('1',jn('2',jn('3',nil)))),p);
p = jn(jn('?',jn('1',jn('2',jn('3',nil)))),p);
p1 = p0 = p;

while (1) {
    long e, f, name, def;
    printf("\n");
    /* read lisp meta-expression from stdin, ) not okay */
    pchr = chr2; cc = 0; p = p1; e = in(1,0); p1 = p;
    /* flush rest of input line */
    while (putchar(getchar()) != '\n');
    printf("\n");
    f = hd[e];
    name = hd[tl[e]];
    def = hd[tl[tl[e]]];
    if (f == '&') {
        /* definition */
        if (at(name)) {
            /* variable definition, e.g., & x '(abc) */
            def = out("expression",def);
            def = ev(def);
        } /* end of variable definition */
        else {
            /* function definition, e.g., & (Fxy) *x*y() */
            long var_list = tl[name];
            name = hd[name];
            def = jn('&',jn(var_list,jn(def,nil)));
        } /* end of function definition */
        name_colon[0] = name;
        out(name_colon,def);
        /* new binding replaces old */
        vlst[name] = jn(def,nil);
        continue;
    } /* end of definition */
    /* write corresponding s-expression */
    e = out("expression",e);
    /* evaluate expression */
    e = out("value",ev(e));
}

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    }
}

long ev(long e) /* initialize and evaluate expression */
{
    long d = infinity; /* "infinite" depth limit */
    long v;
    tape = jn(nil,nil);
    display = jn('Y',nil);
    outputs = jn(nil,nil);
    v = eval(e,d);
    if (v == question) v = '?';
    if (v == exclamation) v = '!';
    return v;
}

void initialize_atoms(void) /* initialize atoms */
{
    long i;
    for (i = 0; i <= LAST_ATOM; ++i) {
        hd[i] = tl[i] = i; /* so that hd & tl of atom = atom */
        /* initially each atom evaluates to self */
        vlst[i] = jn(i,nil);
    }
}

long jn(long x, long y) /* join two lists */
{
    long z;
    /* if y is not a list, then jn is x */
    if ( y != nil && at(y) ) return x;

    if (next == nil) {
        if (low > SIZE) {
            printf("Storage overflow!\n");
            exit(0);
        }
        next = low++;
        tl[next] = nil;
    }
}

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    }

    z = next;
    next = tl[next];
    hd[z] = x;
    tl[z] = y;

    return z;
}

long pop(long x) /* return tl & free node */
{
    long y;
    y = tl[x];
    tl[x] = next;
    next = x;
    return y;
}

void fr(long x) /* free list of nodes */
{
    while (x != nil) x = pop(x);
}

long at(long x) /* atom predicate */
{
    return ( x <= LAST_ATOM );
}

long eq(long x, long y) /* equal predicate */
{
    if (x == y) return 1;
    if (at(x)) return 0;
    if (at(y)) return 0;
    if (eq(hd[x],hd[y])) return eq(tl[x],tl[y]);
    return 0;
}

long eval(long e, long d) /* evaluate expression */

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{
/*
  e is expression to be evaluated
  d is permitted depth - integer, not pointer to tree storage
*/
  long f, v, args, x, y, z, vars, body;

  /* find current binding of atomic expression */
  if (at(e)) return hd[vlst[e]];

  f = eval(hd[e],d); /* evaluate function */
  e = tl[e]; /* remove function from list of arguments */
  if (f < 0) return f; /* function = error value? */

  if (f == '\') return hd[e]; /* quote */

  if (f == '/') { /* if then else */
    v = eval(hd[e],d);
    e = tl[e];
    if (v < 0) return v; /* error? */
    if (v == '0') e = tl[e];
    return eval(hd[e],d);
  }

  args = evalst(e,d); /* evaluate list of arguments */
  if (args < 0) return args; /* error? */

  x = hd[args]; /* pick up first argument */
  y = hd[tl[args]]; /* pick up second argument */
  z = hd[tl[tl[args]]]; /* pick up third argument */

  switch (f) {
  case '@': {fr(args); return getbit();}
    /* read lisp meta-expression from TM tape, ) not okay */
  case '%': {fr(args); pchr = getchr; cc = 1; p = p0; return in(1,0);}
  case '#': {fr(args);
    v = q = jn(nil,nil); putexp(x); return pop(v);}
  case '+': {fr(args); return hd[x];}
  case '-': {fr(args); return tl[x];}

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case '.': {fr(args); return (at(x) ? '1' : '0');}
case ',': {fr(args); hd[outputs] = jn(x,hd[outputs]);
           return (hd[display] == 'Y' ? out("display",x): x);}
case '~': {fr(args); return /* out("show", */ x /* ) */ ;}
case '=': {fr(args); return (eq(x,y) ? '1' : '0');}
case '*': {fr(args); return jn(x,y);}
case '^': {fr(args);
           return append((at(x)?nil:x),(at(y)?nil:y));}
}

if (d == 0) {fr(args); return question;} /* depth exceeded
                                           -> error! */

d--; /* decrement depth */

if (f == '!') {
fr(args);
clean_env(); /* clean environment */
v = eval(x,d);
restore_env(); /* restore unclean environment */
return v;
}

if (f == '?') {
fr(args);
x = cardinality(x); /* convert s-exp into number */
clean_env();
tape = jn(z,tape);
display = jn('N',display);
outputs = jn(nil,outputs);
v = eval(y,(d <= x ? d : x));
restore_env();
z = hd[outputs];
tape = pop(tape);
display = pop(display);
outputs = pop(outputs);
if (v == question) return (d <= x ? question : jn('?',z));
if (v == exclamation) return jn('!',z);
return jn(jn(v,nil),z);
}

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f = tl[f];
vars = hd[f];
f = tl[f];
body = hd[f];

bind(vars,args);
fr(args);

v = eval(body,d);

/* unbind */
while (!at(vars)) {
  if (at(hd[vars]))
    vlst[hd[vars]] = pop(vlst[hd[vars]]);
  vars = tl[vars];
}

return v;
}

void clean_env(void) /* clean environment */
{
  long i;
  for (i = 0; i <= LAST_ATOM; ++i)
    vlst[i] = jn(i,vlst[i]); /* clean environment */
}

void restore_env(void) /* restore unclean environment */
{
  long i;
  for (i = 0; i <= LAST_ATOM; ++i)
    vlst[i] = pop(vlst[i]); /* restore unclean environment */
}

long cardinality(long x) /* number of elements in list */
{
  if (at(x)) return (x == nil ? 0 : infinity);
  return 1+cardinality(tl[x]);
}
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}

/* bind values of arguments to formal parameters */
void bind(long vars, long args)
{
    if (at(vars)) return;
    bind(tl[vars],tl[args]);
    if (at(hd[vars]))
        vlst[hd[vars]] = jn(hd[args],vlst[hd[vars]]);
}

long evalst(long e, long d) /* evaluate list of expressions */
{
    long x, y;
    if (at(e)) return nil;
    x = eval(hd[e],d);
    if (x < 0) return x; /* error? */
    y = evalst(tl[e],d);
    if (y < 0) return y; /* error? */
    return jn(x,y);
}

long append(long x, long y) /* append two lists */
{
    if (at(x)) return y;
    return jn(hd[x],append(tl[x],y));
}

/* read one square of Turing machine tape */
long getbit(void)
{
    long x;
    if (at(hd[tape])) return exclamation; /* tape finished ! */
    x = hd[hd[tape]];
    hd[tape] = tl[hd[tape]];
    return (x == '0' ? '0' : '1');
}

/* read one character from Turing machine tape */

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long getchrr(void)
{
    long c, b, i;
    c = 0;
    do {
        for (i = 0; i < 7; ++i) {
            b = getbit();
            if (b < 0) return b; /* error? */
            c = c + c + b - '0';
        }
    }
    /* keep only non-blank printable ASCII codes */
    while (c >= 127 || c <= 32) ;
    return c;
}

void putchr(long x) /* convert character to binary */
{
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 64 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 32 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 16 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 8 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 4 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 2 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
    q = tl[q] = jn(( x & 1 ? '1' : '0' ), nil);
}

void putexp(long x) /* convert expression to binary */
{
    /* remove containing parens at top level! */
    while (!at(x)) {
        putexp2(hd[x]);
        x = tl[x];
    }
}

void putexp2(long x) /* convert expression to binary */
{
    if ( at(x) && x != nil ) {putchr(x); return;}

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    putchar('(');

    while (!at(x)) {
        putexp2(hd[x]);
        x = tl[x];
    }

    putchar(')');
}

long out(char *x, long y) /* output expression */
{
    printf("%-12s",x);
    col = 0; /* so can insert \n and 12 blanks
              every 50 characters of output */
    cc = -2; /* count characters in m-expression */
    out2(y);
    printf("\n");
    if (*x == 's' && cc > 0)
        printf("%-12s%d(%o)/%d(%o)\n","size",cc,cc,7*cc,7*cc);
    return y;
}

void out2(long x) /* really output expression */
{
    if ( at(x) && x != nil ) {out3(x); return;}
    out3('(');
    while (!at(x)) {
        out2(hd[x]);
        x = tl[x];
    }
    out3(')');
}

void out3(long x) /* really really output expression */
{
    if (col++ == 50) {printf("\n%-12s"," "); col = 1;}
    putchar(x);
    cc++;
}

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}

long chr2(void) /* read character - skip blanks,
                tabs and new line characters */
{
    long c;
    do {
        c = getchar();
        if (c == EOF) {
            time2 = time(NULL);
            printf(
                "End of LISP Run\n\nElapsed time is %.0f seconds.\n",
                difftime(time2,time1)
            );
            /* on some systems, above line should instead be: */
            /* time2 - time1 */
            exit(0); /* terminate execution */
        }
        putchar(c);
    }
    /* keep only non-blank printable ASCII codes */
    while (c >= 127 || c <= 32) ;
    return c;
}

long chr(void) /* read character - skip comments */
{
    /* here pchr -> chr2, getch */
    long c;
    while (1) {
        c = (*pchr)();
        if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
        if (c != '[') return c;
        /* comments may be nested */
        while ((c = chr()) != ']')
            if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
    }
}

/* read expression from Turing machine tape */

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long in(long mexp, long rparenokay) /* input m-exp */
{
    long c = chr();
    if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
    cc++; /* bump character count */
    if (c == ')') if (rparenokay) return ')'; else return nil;
    if (c == '(') { /* explicit list */
        long first, last, next;
        first = last = jn(nil,nil);
        while ((next = in(mexp,1)) != ')')
        {
            if (next < 0) return next; /* error? */
            last = tl[last] = jn(next,nil);
        }
        return pop(first);
    }
    if (!mexp) return c; /* atom */
    if (c == '{') { /* number */
        long n = 0, u;
        while ((c = chr()) != '}') {
            if (c < 0) return c; /* error? */
            c = c - '0';
            if (c >= 0 && c <= 9) n = 10 * n + c;
        }
        for (u = nil; n > 0; n--) u = jn('1',u);
        return u;
    }
    if (c == '"') return in(0,0); /* s-exp */
    if (c == '&' && cc == 1) {
        /* expand "define" only if & is first character */
        long name, def;
        name = in(0,0); if (name < 0) return name; /* error? */
        p = jn(name,p);
        def = in(1,0); if (def < 0) return def ; /* error? */
        return jn('&',jn(name,jn(def,nil)));
    }
    if (c == ':') { /* expand "let" */
        long name, def, body;
        name = in(0,0); if (name < 0) return name; /* error? */

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    p = jn(name,p);
    def = in(1,0); if (def < 0) return def ; /* error? */
    body = in(1,0); if (body < 0) return body; /* error? */
    p = pop(p);
    if (!at(name)) {
        long var_list;
        var_list = tl[name];
        name = hd[name];
        def =
            jn('\'',jn(jn('&',jn(var_list,jn(def,nil))),nil));
    }
    return
    jn(
        jn('\'',jn(jn('&',jn(jn(name,nil),jn(body,nil))),nil)),
        jn(def,nil)
    );
}
{long p2;
for (p2 = p; !at(p2); p2 = tl[p2]) {
    long p3 = hd[p2];
    if (p3 == c) return c;
    if (hd[p3] == c) {
        long first, last, next;
        first = last = jn(c,nil);
        for (p3 = tl[p3]; !at(p3); p3 = tl[p3]) {
            next = in(1,0);
            if (next < 0) return next; /* error? */
            last = tl[last] = jn(next,nil);
        }
        return first;
    }
}
return c;
}
}

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